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A special victory

FE takes on a new meaning for handicapped youngster Susan Bennett when she takes to the water — and she has just received a special award for a feat which many able-bodied people would be hard-pressed to emulate.

Susan, eight, of Surbiton Road, Hartburn, Stockton, has swum herself into the record book at Summerhouse School, Norton, by being its first pupil to swim 2,000 metres — nearly one and a half miles.

Her special achievement has not gone unmarked. Her school has had a special shield made

for her and our picture shows it being handed over by local bobby, Paul Higgins, who is planning to raise hundreds of pounds for the school with marathon running.

Susan, who suffers from Cerebral palsy, is normally confined to a wheelchair, but things are different when she gets into the swimming pool, said her headmaster, Mr. David Woolley. He said: "She is a most determined little girl in all she does. She has been at the school for three years and swimming for about two. This is a remarkable achievement, particularly for Susan with the degree of handicap she has."

Bookman get the go-ahead

MEMBERS of a land County Council committee are backing a scheme under which marks carrying special advertising will be distributed through libraries in the North Region.

A publicity fund Newcastle-under-Lyme has offered to advertisers and to prepare the library. The library will receive 40% of the income.

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