

Competitive Award Winners 2005

Young Volunteer of the Year Award

Helen Bass (Kingsmead Netball Club)

Helen is 24 and has been involved with Kingsmead Netball Centre since 1997 as a player, umpire and coach. She started coaching aged 16 and has recently achieved her England Netball Level 2. Her passionate involvement has resulted in the growth of both the Saturday Morning Junior Club and the midweek evening league. This has greatly increased Netball opportunities for local children to play Netball and has also resulted in an improved level of performance, commitment and enthusiasm among the young players.

Community Volunteer of the Year

Justine Tate (Laleham Community)

Justine has had a phenomenal impact on Netball both within Laleham School and the surrounding community. Within the school she has increased the numbers of children participating in Netball by 50% and built strong links with local clubs enabling ix members of the 1st VII to play for a local club. She has recruited 10 volunteers to support Netball both within the school and the community, starting up a mum's Netball club for parents of children within the school and also within the local community. She is now in the process of developing a programme for disabled performers. She has organised tournaments for children and adults alike and has used sport as a vehicle to bringing the local community closer together.

Rose Award

Kath Pemberton (Greater Manchester Junior Netball League)

Where are all the sports facilities nowadays? With the decline in the number of available spaces for sport, Kath had the genius to turn a car park into a Netball venue. In 2001 there were no Netball courts at the Velodrome, where the Manchester Youth Games were to be held. Kath personally measured and painted three courts on car park C. Realising she was on to something she recognised the possibility of developing a larger area. Kath successfully negotiated with the Velodrome, gained permission to paint on the car park and raised the funds for the professional painting of the court. Today that insight has had immeasurable benefits on Netball in Manchester and visitors to the Velodrome today on Junior League days can see 10 courts in full use from 10am to 4.30 pm a testimony to Kath's determination and vision.

Netball Teacher of the Year Award

Trish Farrow (Joseph Rowntree School)

Trish has created and maintained links with local affiliated Netball clubs, particularly Haxby Ladies, providing a series of School club links enabling pupils to play extra curricular Netball. She has enhanced the sporting experience within the school, hosting the annual local schools tournament for a variety of ages. Trish has encouraged and supported her older students to volunteer as officials, as well as mentoring them as budding junior coaches and team managers.

This encouragement has led to many of them to gain coaching and umpiring qualifications, using these skills to run intra mural competitions within the school for younger players. This year, for the first time in North Yorkshire history, all three age groups qualified for the National finals. This achievement coupled to the players conduct at that event resulted in the school being presented with the England Netball 'Endeavour Award'.

Nextgen Award

Palmer's Green Netball Club

Palmer's Green Netball Club have recently achieved an England Netball Silver CAPs Award, which includes accreditation with Sport England' Clubmark. The club has been involved with developing local Netball for the last 40 years and in that time they have built up a large volunteer base. Young Volunteers are talent identified and offered opportunities to develop their skills, with courses arranged in conjunction with the London Active Partnership. The club have developed a large range of young volunteers, most of whom have progressed through the ranks as junior players, before taking an active role in running the club

Muriel McNally Award

Lynne Booth (Riverside Netball Club)

Lynne set up Riverside Netball Club over 20 years ago and the club is a huge part of her life. She has been involved with Tyne and Wear County Netball for a number of years as a coach and a volunteer travelling the country to various matches and tournaments. In fact, during Netball season, it is a rare occurrence for Lynne to have a spare weekend. Since retiring as a County coach her dedication to Riverside Netball club has only increased. To help finance the club Lynne has been heavily involved in the fund raising element. More recently Lynne has set up a mother's team getting parents back into Netball, an opportunity they thoroughly enjoy and one parent commented that if it hadn't been for Lynne they wouldn't have become involved in Netball.