



# BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETBALL COUNTY VOLUNTEER AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDANCE NOTES 2023 - 2024

**Each nomination will require you to complete a form with the following information**

- Name the Award category - see the Category Information below
- Nominee name, club or organisation; email, EN affiliation number
- Nominator name, Club or organisation; email, EN affiliation number
- Confirm if the volunteer receives any payment or purely a volunteer
- How long has the member been volunteering
- Date and sign the nomination form
- Answer two questions within the specific category as to why you are nominating the member **(200 words maximum each)**
- Return the completed form as instructed

**NOTE - closing date for nominations is 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and should be returned to the Volunteer Recognition Lead by email : [natascha.kelly77@gmail.com](mailto:natascha.kelly77@gmail.com)**

## **CATEGORY & CRITERIA DETAILS**

### **CATEGORY 1**

#### **Bedfordshire County Coach of the Year – Children & Young People - Award**

- Outstanding contribution to community netball players in environments with players 18 and under.
- Made an impact on the lives of players beyond team successes
- Supported the growth of local netball through the development and positive experience of netball players and/or other coaches considering the six principles of coaching

#### **Question 1 (200 words maximum)**

Evidence the positive difference this coach has made in netball, coaching Children and Young People (18 and under).

#### **Question 2 (200 words maximum)**

How does this coach engage and support those around them to positively develop netball coaching, Children and Young People (18 and under)?

### **CATEGORY 2**

#### **Bedfordshire County Coach of the Year – Adults**

- Outstanding contribution to community netball players in environments with players over 18.
- Made an impact on the lives of players beyond team successes
- Supported the growth of local netball through the development and positive experience of netball players and/or other coaches considering the six principles of coaching

#### **Question 1 (200 words maximum)**

Evidence the positive difference this coach has made in netball, coaching adults.

#### **Question 2 (200 words maximum )**

How does this coach engage and support those around them to positively develop netball coaching adults?

### CATEGORY 3

#### Bedfordshire County Grass Roots Official of the Year

- Consistent contribution to **grass roots** netball officiating.
- Personal commitment to learning as well as impact on others involved within netball through officiating.
- Could be involved in umpiring, as match bench official, scorer or mentor.

#### Question 1 (200 words maximum)

Please evidence the positive difference this official has made in grass roots netball

#### Question 2 (200 words maximum)

How have the actions and behaviours of this official engaged and supported those around them to positively develop netball through enhancing the experiences of netballers or recruiting and developing new officials to support the growth of netball?

### CATEGORY 4

#### Bedfordshire County Grass Roots Volunteer of the Year

- Outstanding contribution to netball delivery, in a voluntary role at Club or League level.
- Nominees should have made a consistent impact creating change that has improved the lives of netballers, and the opportunities provided to encourage joining the netball family.

**Question 1 (200 words maximum)** Evidence the outstanding contribution the individual has made in a voluntary role (this could be supporting events, being a committee member, a team manager or parent who has supported fundraising as a few examples)

**Question 2 (200 Words maximum)** What impact has the individual made to improve the lives of netballers and encouraged others to join the netball family?

### CATEGORY 5

#### Bedfordshire County Unsung Hero Award (in a Club or League)

- Outstanding contribution to netball through volunteering in a capacity that supports the delivery of club or local league netball.
- The nominee can have volunteered in any capacity and need to have made a significant difference to the club or league in their community.
- Be a current member of England Netball

• **Question 1 (200 words maximum)** What difference has this individual made to the delivery of club or league netball activity and what makes them an unsung hero for your club or league? (200 words)

• **Question 2 (200 words maximum)** How has this person encouraged or made a positive impact on the experience for club or league members or enabling new participants to join the netball family?

### CATEGORY 6

#### Bedfordshire County Club of the Year Award

- Presented to a netball club who has made an outstanding contribution within their community through the delivery of Recognised and Authorised Netball activity
- Nominated clubs should have made a consistent impact within the local community evidencing how and what they have changed to benefit its netballers and/or the wider netball family.
- The nomination must cover '**beyond the court**' success in addition to 'on court competition' success

**Question 1 (200 words maximum)** What activities does this club do to deliver extraordinary experiences to its players, coaches, volunteers and officials and supporters?

**Question 2 (200 words maximum)** What evidence demonstrates how this club have consistently made a positive impact on its netballers and / or the wider community on and beyond the court (e.g. recognised by wider local awards, promotion in local media, and attendance at community events)?

## **CATEGORY 7**

### **Bedfordshire County Young Volunteer of the Year Award**

- Outstanding contribution to netball as a volunteer aged between **12 and 21 years old**
- The nominee should have volunteered in any capacity of netball coaching, officiating or within a wider volunteer role, team manager, administering or event volunteering
- Educational establishment or netball club they volunteer at must be a member of England Netball

**Question 1 (200 words maximum)** What contributions has this young person made as a netball volunteer that makes them outstanding?

**Question 2 (200 words maximum)** How has the commitment, actions or behaviors of this young volunteer supported other volunteers / young people to enable a positive experience for netball participants and / or encourage more individuals to be involved in netball?

## **CATEGORY 8**

### **Bedfordshire County Teacher Award**

- Outstanding contribution to netball through delivery in the education environment.
- Nominee must have given commitment– outside of their statutory responsibilities as a **teacher or teaching assistant** with evidence and examples of how they have inspired others through a positive attitude and passionate approach as a role model.
- Educational establishment or netball club they support must be a member of England Netball

**Question 1 (200 Words maximum)** What contributions has this teacher or teaching assistant made to netball delivery, in an education environment and the local community, that makes them outstanding?

**Question 2 (200 words maximum)** How has this teacher supported / given a great experience to young players? Supported volunteers and / or brought new participants into the netball family above and beyond the statutory requirements of their role?

## **ADDITIONAL AWARDS - CRITERIA**

### **BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY LONG SERVICE AWARD**

The Bedfordshire County Long Service Award recognises the contribution of a Volunteer who has given outstanding service for over 15 years or more and has been active during the last 12 months.

To be eligible, nominees must be affiliated to Bedfordshire County Netball, have supported netball development by way of coaching, officiating or administration and have volunteered significantly at a County, League and/or Club level.

### **THE NANCY MORRIS TROPHY**

**The Nancy Morris Trophy** has been a long standing Award we have presented annually and is named after Nancy Morris, who almost single handedly set the foundation for Bedfordshire County Netball many years ago, with her tireless and forward thinking determination to make netball within Bedfordshire the best.

The Nancy Morris Trophy will be awarded to a person who has made a significant and valuable contribution to Bedfordshire Netball at Club, League or County level in a volunteering capacity. Demonstrating the impact that the person has made to the Club, or League or County, showing a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, always doing more than is required.

### **THE SYLVIA EASTLEY TROPHY**

**The Sylvia Eastley Trophy** is an Award we introduced to honour a long standing member of Bedfordshire Netball, Sylvia Eastley. Netball meant so much to Sylvia, especially netball in Bedfordshire. She was involved in both Coaching and Officiating. Her knowledge and expertise were greatly respected both as a Coach and an International Umpire. An exceptional volunteer, Sylvia was so generous with her time and sharing her expertise with all.

This award will be presented annually to a person who has made a significant impact in developing individuals to reach their full potential either as an Umpire or a Coach. Generously giving their time; knowledge and experience.