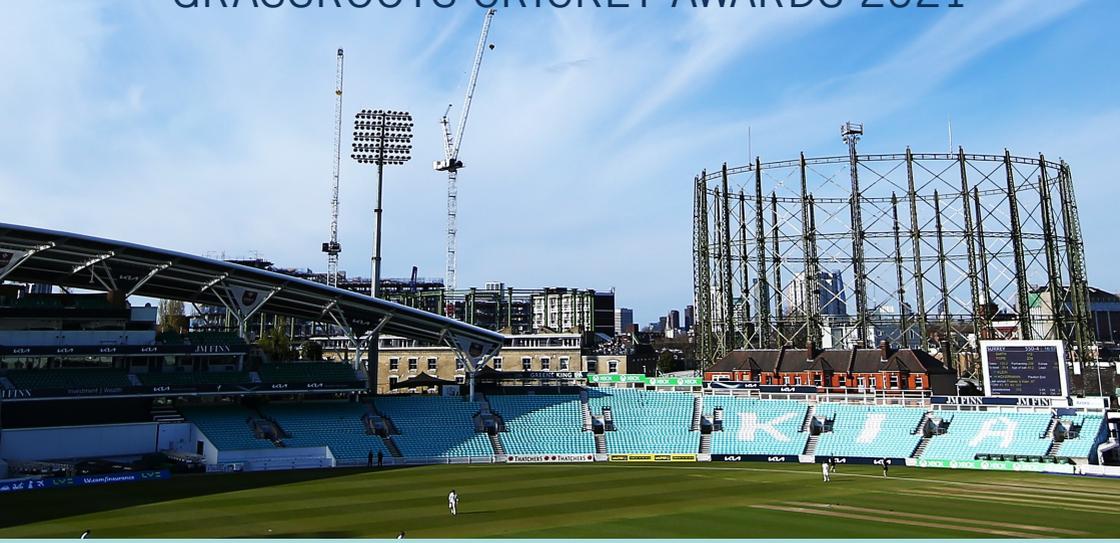




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GRASSROOTS CRICKET AWARDS 2021



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Foreword by Chris Coleman

Director of Cricket Participation



I would like to welcome you all to Surrey County Cricket Club and the Kia Oval for the 2021 Grassroots Cricket Awards.

While I'm delighted that we got pretty much a full and safe season of cricket in this year, I am under no illusion that the only way this happens is through the dedicated team of volunteers within local clubs working tirelessly throughout the season. The landscape we found ourselves in required many

people to work outside their comfort zones and today represents a ideal occasion to thank and celebrate the work of these volunteers.

I'm delighted to say that this season has seen cricket grow across almost all aspects of our work. We have seen over 3,500 kids take part in our All Stars and Dynamos programmes including a record number of girls. In Surrey, we now have 71 clubs putting on women's and/or girl's cricket, the most of any county in the country. We have also seen the inaugural season of the Surrey Junior Cricket Championship with 4,000 games played and I'm delighted that Esher U13 Boys won the National ECB T20 finals, only the third Surrey team to claim this title in the 50 year history of the competition. We saw over 30 new teams joining our various league structures across the county and more players than ever picking up a bat and a ball. A great result in a tough year.

Year on year we continue to be astounded by the hard-work and effort put in by volunteers in Surrey, to help make their clubs as successful as they are today and reading through these nominations reinforces just how important volunteers are to the game in Surrey. From preparing pitches to understanding Covid restrictions, organising teams to managing extensive facility development projects, the often countless hours of volunteering invested into the club network in Surrey makes a real difference.

Today is a celebration and an opportunity for us to say thank you to each and every one of you who have helped to make the game of cricket what it is today.

Thank you and I hope you have a great day.

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Foreword by Simon Dyson

Chairman of the Surrey Cricket Foundation

Despite the events of an extraordinary year, it is gratifying to report that thanks to significant financial help from the Government, the ECB, and our own supporters in Surrey, the Foundation and recreational cricket in Surrey is in a very good place.



Our priorities continue to be supporting schools, clubs, and communities by providing guidance, funding, coaching and competitions. Further, amongst a number of special projects, we have a particular focus on women and girl's cricket, urban and informal cricket in our London boroughs, and disability cricket across the county.

I would like to thank our incredible volunteers, without whom the growth of cricket in Surrey would simply be impossible. From umpiring and scoring, to club and league administration, and the myriad of jobs that are required to “get the game on”, I wish to send our collective and sincere thanks to each of you for the contributions that you make.

Finally, as a charitable foundation we enjoy substantial financial support from Surrey County Cricket Club, the ECB, the Lord's Taverners and Chance To Shine, and we also receive help from a number of other organisations and individuals. Of course we are always ready to engage with anyone who wishes to help us achieve our goal of increasing the number of people playing cricket in Surrey every year, so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please enjoy the game, enjoy the hospitality, and join us in rewarding some incredible people. It is people like you who make the game so special.

Simon Dyson

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THE GRASSROOTS CRICKET AWARDS 2021

The GCAs are all about taking the time to reward and recognise the dedication, commitment and impact of thousands of volunteers who are helping to shape the future of cricket in Surrey. From organising cricket teas and preparing pitches, to getting the game on during unprecedented times, the recreational game would not be the same without their hard work.

We have 11 award categories to celebrate today!

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RISING STAR AWARD



This award is designed to highlight a young volunteer, aged 11 – 16 years old, who is making a difference to the game. They are responsible, dependable and enthusiastic in their work and have a positive effect on their club. They are willing to learn from experience and from others and have a drive to increase participation in their community.

Nominees

Connie Stevenson Hampton Hill CC

We are proud to nominate Connie as she represents so much of what our club stands for. Having developed a love for cricket as one of our U5 Squirrels, Connie moved up through our age groups and is now one of our u12s playing in a mixed team as well as our emerging Girls XI. Connie is always positive and engages the juniors and particular our younger female members as she helps them develop their core skills. Her enthusiasm, patience and cricketing ability has worked wonders with all the kids. She has clearly helped with their development and driven their enthusiasm. She has been an asset to the coaching group and a massive benefit for the kids.

came early to set up and stayed to pack everything away. A great start to his coaching career!

Ibraheem Rawn Kingstonian CC

Ibraheem has had an excellent and mature attitude towards the game of cricket. He undertook a scoring course when he was 14 and scored for our 1st XI in a few matches in the 2019 season. When he turned 15, we requested Ibraheem to help with coaching as a volunteer for our younger age groups (5 to 8). Even during his GCSEs, Ibraheem managed to find time to come to the club to help out. As Ibraheem approaches 17, he is looking to complete his ECB Level 1 coaching course. He remains a committed playing member in our adult section and continues to seek feedback from his seniors for continuous ongoing improvement.

Freddie Fuller Malden Wanderers CC

Freddie started volunteering during the COVID 2020 season, and impressed, but wow what a difference in 2021 for him, confidence levels in his ability as an assistant coach have soared! He gets on really well with all the coaches and players at the club. He's super punctual, and carries out any instructions from his lead coach perfectly – indeed, he's a coach's dream. He's a real credit to what we've been delivering as a club for ten or so years and as a result, he's now a regular in the senior third team, and one of the best fielders in the whole club. Well done young man – you have a great future in the game as a coach, player and role model for others.

Mae Bush Hampton Hill CC

Mae has had a huge impact on a big group of U5 players. She's coached every week with great enthusiasm, skill and compassion. The boys and girls at Hampton Hill have hugely benefited from Mae's ability to deliver both cricket skills and fun on a Sunday morning. The group has gone from 25 last year to 60 this year - a testament to the quality of the coaching Mae has helped deliver over the season.

Freddie Huntington Weybridge CC

Freddie became an All Stars activator this season aged 13 and delivered all 8 sessions leading the batting station alongside another young player. He always

Samuel Fleury Weybridge CC

Sam completed the All Stars Activators course this season and helped at all sessions for Weybridge's first All Stars year. He co-led the batting station with another teen coach and has developed his coaching skills. He always arrived to set up and stayed to put away all his equipment. A great start to a coaching career!

GAME CHANGER



This award is designed to recognise a young volunteer, aged 17 – 25 years old, who is a fantastic role model at their club. They provide leadership, use of initiative and can think outside the boundary. They have a zest of energy which positively impacts their club or community, helping to create and deliver new initiatives.

Nominees

Abigail Balcombe Bagshot CC

Abi is 17 years old and has been volunteering with us since the creation of our girls section 3 seasons ago. She was one of the first girls to play cricket at the club and is such a fantastic role model to our players. We train all year round and Abi is there every week without fail, fitting us in to her very busy schedule around school, netball and county cricket. Her enthusiasm rubs off on everyone and she is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that our young players are achieving and enjoying themselves. We are so excited for Abi to undertake the level 2 coaching course and further develop her already fantastic coaching. Our girls sections simply wouldn't be successful without Abi and she's only 17!! Well done Abi, and thank you so much!

Frazer Fowler Valley End CC

For someone still only 22 and who has his own playing commitments for the Surrey disability county representative sides, Frazer has shown incredible versatility as a volunteer in club cricket. He is the captain of the VECC 4th XI and has taken a leading role in mentoring youth section members as they start their journey into senior cricket. He helps coach the VECC disability squad. This year he has provided technical support in the form of self help templates for youth team managers and senior captains as the club moved over to Spond, the new club MIS. He also helps run the social media accounts for the club which saw huge traffic during our Christmas Chari-Tree initiative. At the start of this season he single-handedly initiated a weekly club magazine called The 1895 which has so far generated £1000 in sponsorship for the club and he is currently the editor, designer and distribution manager!

Jesper Winn Malden Wanderers CC

Jesper is a young man with a big future in the game. He started his coaching journey at Malden Wanderers as a

young boy, and now is assistant coach with our new women's team. I asked for a hand to help me coach the team on Friday nights, and Jesper stepped forwards, he has grown in confidence with this added responsibility – he runs their warm ups pre match and at training sessions with real aplomb, adding a great deal of fun and laughter to events. He is respected by all the players who have a wide range of abilities, and with them now playing in the Surrey Slam, he's seeing the fruits of his labour.

Molly Bartlett Malden Wanderers CC

What can you say about Molly? She's bright, she's a great communicator, she's very enthusiastic, and she knows what she's talking about, plus she's a fantastic role model for all of the children, young adults and adults in the women's side of the club. The girls really listen to Molly intently and she really engages with all that she meets, along with delivering an extremely high level of coaching. She has been a member at Malden Wanderers for over ten years, and has a growing presence among the club when she's there as an assistant coach, or as a player, and importantly from the coaching she delivers, she has become more confident in her delivery, she has a very bright future as a coach.

Ragitha Ilanperuma Aranchige Spelthorne Sports CC

Ragitha is the shining example for our junior cricketers to follow and SSCC is very lucky to have him. Having come through our junior section in its less-populated days, Ragitha was happy to progress his development as a young cricketer surrounded by younger, less-experienced players. Ragitha has always borne a smile and for that reason, he has always been hugely popular with the club's young players and has been the ideal role model. For the last couple of years, he has set a path for other juniors to follow through his transition to senior cricket. With his humble approach and his quiet determination to grow as a cricketer, he is fast becoming one of the club's most potent fast bowlers as he demonstrated when bowling out the club's leading batsman in a recent intra-club game. Ragitha is a true game changer.

GROWING THE GAME



This award a league volunteer, committee member or administrator who goes above and beyond to support their club and help increase the number of games being played. They use initiatives to recruit and train new umpires and officials and introduce new ideas to support Club Captains and players, on and off the field.

Nominees

Chris Hobbis

Streatham & Marlborough CC

Chris is the fixture secretary for the senior section. 2020 and 2021 has seen a bumper demand from players and Chris has worked diligently with late notice to find two or three friendlies on a weekly basis to allow us to field a record eight Saturday XIs and provide cricket for the masses throughout the season so far.

David & Lucy Lyle

Malden Wanderers CC

David & Lucy Lyle have been instrumental in growing the game at MWCC. Over the last three years, participation numbers have grown enormously. Junior registrations stand at 282, up from 190 in 2019. We are entered into 19 leagues, up from 9 in 2019. So many of our juniors are now transitioning to senior cricket and are a big reason why we now run 5 league sides as well as a Sunday friendly team. They have also been vital in setting up half term, easter and summer coaching courses. They are the glue that holds the cricket together across the club, working tirelessly between coaches, parents, captains and committees.

Jon Dean

Merstham CC

Jon Dean has changed our village cricket club by running many more teams in bigger league and has embraced Surrey's new ethos of all county leagues with streaming of some of teams has made the club more vibrant with a higher standard of cricket from top to bottom in the youth setup...We also have a successful well attended ladies and girls section now.

Mansoor Shahid

Kingstonian CC

Mansoor joined our club as a player in 2018. Subsequently, he went on to become a fully qualified coach in 2019. He was also jointly managing the club's U8 team in their first league campaign, which they won. Even during the Covid crisis, Mansoor planned safe and Covid-compliant ways to keep the junior members engaged. He was able to organise small training sessions at the local parks. Mansoor's initiative had a snowballing effect. More and more parents offered to volunteer their time and services to help out. He has been a great role model for younger cricketers in the adult teams.

Matt Bradshaw

Southern Railway & Kenley CC

He takes registration every week, which is what you see. Behind the scenes, he built the entire club database, new club website, communication with leagues, and filled in as colts chair and league rep, as well as club secretary! These are just the headlines, wherever there is a gap, he fills it. Nothing we do is possible without his tireless work. Oh and he still finds time to manage the U13s. To date this season our Colts section has gone from 70 colts to over 140 and rising. This is no small part to the organisation and support of Matt.

Sivalingham Bharaneetharan (Para)

British Tamils Cricket League (BTCL)

Para was one of the most successful secretaries of the league from 2018. In his tenure, BTCL's teams have been increased to 64, and created another division. Para was actively involved in various cricket participation & achievements in the last three years, including junior cricket and the 100 ball game introduction. Para was a key promoter and architect of this successful initiative during the pandemic situation. Moreover, Para was the key person who has supported the youngsters mental & physical well-being.

YOUNG COACH OF THE YEAR



The award is designed to recognise a young person, aged 16 – 25 years old, who is already making a difference and passing on their enthusiasm for the game to inspire the next generation of players. They are committed to developing the game at the grassroots level and show creativity and determination in their development as a coach.

Nominees

Jai Jaiswal Guildford CC

Jai has demonstrated excellent coaching, management and leadership skills as well as sheer passion for cricket in bringing together a talented group of kids at U9 level, culminating in them winning the Tier 2 League with a game to spare. The team Jai has developed have become constantly high performing, believing in themselves and playing as a close knit team - motivating each other. Jai has led this from the front and instilled these excellent core skills in them all whilst coaching them to become better players technically. The whole team look up to Jai and are truly inspired by him. Jai was also instrumental in 3 of the players being selected for the Surrey U9's Performance Pathway having identified them and put them forward for nomination for a trial by the Director of Cricket. Thanks to Jai's vision and support, these 3 boys have a great opportunity to excel at county level and develop even further.

Joe Lavender Malden Wanderers CC

It's hard to believe that Joe is not even 24! He's been leading our holiday course programme over the last 3 years at Malden Wanderers, with numbers doubling over that period of time. His cheerful, easy going way with kids and parents is that of one way beyond his years. He is a true role model for the younger coaches at the club as they aspire to be like Joe. He regularly leads on our outdoor and indoor cricket coaching programme and has superb organisational skills, along with being an integral member of our 1st team - leading the bowling attack. He's been attending Malden

Wanderers from the age of three, and as a young coach is a superb asset and a great representative within the coaching family. He also coaches on the Surrey Performance U9 and u10 boys programmes, and delivers Chance to Shine, disability and mainstream coaching in schools too. That's quite a CV for this superb young coach.

Lauren Waddington Horley CC

Lauren has started the Girls Coaching from scratch at Horley cricket club this year in May. We have never had a girls section before. Due to Lauren's enthusiasm and passion for the game we now have nearly 20 girls (Y3 toY8) who now know the basics of the game and are really keen to take it further. The girls played their first game on 5th July and are going to take part in a festival in August. Lauren also coaches the boys U8's and U7 each week and also the fun cricket for the younger age groups. Without Lauren's dedication and passion the colts section would not be where it is today.

Luke Thomas Southern Railway & Kenley CC

Luke, for his young age has been an integral part of SRKS cricket club's coaching set up. An exceptional cricketer in his own right, he has given up his weekends for the last 2 years to help our team of coaches delivery quality coaching sessions. He is loved by the younger players and love his fun filled session that pass on his experience of playing in the Surrey age group teams and 1st team cricket. This season Luke has taken his coaching a step up, by helping the Head coach with planning of sessions and designing his own drills.

COACH OF THE YEAR



The award highlights a coach who goes the extra mile and is a true coaching hero to their club or community. They help players reach their full potential whilst delivering active and fun sessions. They inspire and support individual and team development using inspirational coaching methods.

Nominees

Asad Butt
Athif Rehman
Cara Biggin-Evans
Caroline Robinson
Ganesh Guru

Khiria Belalia
Michael Jacobs
Neel Patel
Paul Bower

Richard Gallagher
Roshan Perera
Suresh Ramakrishnan
Trevor Fordyce

Shortlist

Asad Butt

Thornton Heath CC

Asad has worked tirelessly to create an opportunity for the children of Norbury and the surrounding areas where there was previously none. Every child immensely enjoys his coaching sessions and every parent has the utmost respect and love for what he is doing selflessly. Without Asad, none of the children would have any provision. What I find incredibly inspiring is how he coaches all ages/genders and those less able incredibly well and equally. Asad is true and humble hero.

Caroline Robinson

Old Rutlishians CC

A great coach needs boundless enthusiasm, the ability to engage the kids and a passion for the game. Caroline simply has it. She organised all of our post-lockdown coaching, having to cope with venues that were no longer available due to virus rules and yet managed to rebuild a great structure using our only available ground to helped the club recover from only a pandemic reduced 160 members to over 400. She selflessly coaches U8, U11, U15, Girls and All Stars, all as a volunteer. Her enthusiasm for the game is simply unmatched and she tries to instil this in every single child.

Michael Jacobs

Malden Wanderers CC

No one has done more for developing our cricketers at Malden Wanderers this year. Michael put in place all our CV19 protocols to open up practice and coaching in a safe and controlled manner at the start of the summer.

Tributes from Juniors, parents and senior members alike have flooded my inbox as Mike facilitated a return to the game we love. Over the winter Mike also worked tirelessly with the committee to implement a plan to drive quality in all our coaching. As a direct result of his work, our Junior cricket section has grown exponentially, and we now boast a Junior section of over 275 fully paid up members.

Paul Bower

Staines & Laleham CC

Paul goes above and beyond for his cricket club. He works tirelessly through the cricket season. He manages various age groups and has the respect and admiration from all the young cricketers that he has inspired and coached. 7 days a week Paul is giving up his free time to make sure the Cricket club and all age groups run like clockwork. The same children return year after year and that is a testament to Paul making people feel at home and comfortable. Grassroots cricket is for all the family to get involved and someone like Paul makes that happen. You don't get many people like Paul!

Roshan Perera

Community Coach

Roshan has been a valued cricket coach at our club for over 5 years. He has coached a variety of age groups and has developed a great rapport with those boys and parents. He is one of those coaches that dedicates all of his time to cricket coaching. It is not surprising that his coaching sessions over run due to his enthusiasm. Roshan has also become a qualified umpire and has been seen umpiring our colts matches and gives valued feedback to the boys after the match. The boys have immense respect for Roshan and are always excited when he is delivering his coaching sessions.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



This award showcases an individual or club who has gone above and beyond the call of cricket to support their community in coming back to the game we love. They have supported members throughout COVID-19 and been proactive and enthusiastic in their efforts to return to cricket. Their actions will impact the community in a positive and lasting way.

Nominees

Asad Butt

Thornton Heath CC

Asad has done a tremendous job in connecting kids from all walks of life and made them welcome to the club, he motivates the boys and girls and is really committed to the club. Asad has been an inspiration to the community and his efforts are absolutely amazing and kids love him and the way he coaches them. He has created opportunities by providing free access to cricket uniting children of all ages, gender and cultural backgrounds through teamwork and cooperation. He brings the community together and gives children the opportunity to play cricket, especially those that may not have money to join a club or unable to train. What Asaad does is unbelievable and a more than worthy for this award.

Thornton Heath CC

Over the past 6 years Thornton Heath Cricket Club has brought cricket to a community that needed it the most at a time where community engagement was at an all-time low. They have increased participation in the game year on year and have managed to launch a hugely successful Dynamos, Chance to Shine and All Stars programme which attracts over 100 children every weekend. They have also successfully continued to work through lockdown with online zoom sessions and outdoor roadshows to help their participants through the tough period that we faced as a cricket community. Constantly working to break down cultural and socio-economic barriers, THCC have managed to attract players from all over South London and

continue to train with the same amount of passion as they did 6 years ago. They managed to send a coach of 50 young Afghan refugees in 2019 and organised a very popular refugee week event this year which attracted just under 100 participants. THCC have done more outreach work with the community than any club I have seen to date which is credit to their unwavering commitment to the game which should make them more than worthy winners of this award.

Mike Goodman

Valley End CC

In November 2020, Mike launched VECC's Christmas Chari-Tree initiative. His idea was to use the cricket club as a link between local businesses and families in desperate need of help at Christmas. He contacted the local primary school Heads and they identified 39 families in need of support. The club then launched an appeal for members to place wrapped presents under the tree in our pavilion. 500 presents flooded in and local businesses were made aware of what was happening. This resulted in £5,000 being donated. So Mike bought food and cajoled members of the local community (including our MP The Rt Hon Michael Gove) and VECC to come and wrap presents and fill up the hampers for the families. These were distributed, along with the presents, to the families and the reaction was moving to say the least. The cricket club has benefitted from this initiative as local businesses are now aware of us and over £4k in sponsorship has come into the club as a result. We believe Mike's idea could be copied by other clubs and we have contacted the ECB who are making a pitch to Cinch, their new partner.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION SERVICES TO COACHING



This award is designed to highlight a person who is the life and soul at your club. They have dedicated a significant amount of time to coaching and contributed to growing the game by creating opportunities to increase participation. They are the heartbeat of your club or community.

Nominees

Alan Greig
Asad Butt
Duncan Pauline

Ian Exworth
Neil Mander
Nick Gooding

Paul Bower
Prashant Sinai
Roshan Perera

Shortlist

Duncan Pauline Esher CC

Duncan has been with Esher CC for 20+ years and is absolutely integral to the club, in particular his involvement with junior cricket. The club now has over 600 young cricketers, including over 150 girls playing at all levels of the game. Duncan is all the more inspiring as he lost a leg so carries out his coaching from his famous quad bike (which was sadly stolen from outside the club this year, but the club rallied in 48 hours raising over £8000 to secure a replacement for him). He is a dedicated and tireless coach who gets all of his enjoyment from seeing the happy faces on the young cricketers enjoying the game he has given so much to. I would love for his work and service to be recognised at this prestigious ceremony.

Ian Exworth Hampton Hill CC

Ian has been the life and soul of our ever growing Colts cricket with over 200 kids enjoying cricket from U5s through to U18s. It is Ian's passion and energy that has driven the growth in the number of families joining this year (despite lockdown!), he is a constant presence at the majority of the Colts games, bringing his positivity and encouragement to all of the kids, and it is down to his passion that we can host over 100 kids each Sunday morning in Bushy Park. This year he has also taken on the development of our girls game, with HHCC fielding girls teams at two Smash IT tournaments and, in a first for HHCC, holding the first girls hardball game against Bushy Park Girls CC. Ian has driven and arranged it all.

Neil Mander Malden Wanderers CC

Neil has been joint head coach for juniors at Malden Wanderers for over ten years now, and what changes there have been. Numbers have doubled over the last 3 years, exceeding expectations year after year. The club has a proud tradition of promoting juniors into senior teams when they're ready, and regularly across the 5 senior league side put out every Saturday, Neil has clear lines of thought and is inspirational in everything he does with an aura of calm. In recent years, his talent has been identified by the Surrey Performance Department, and he regularly works with players from u9-u13 for them. He's such a great role model for all around him, he's a fantastic asset to the club, and above all a wonderful person.

Paul Bower Staines & Laleham CC

Paul has grown the club over the last few years, allowing new members to join and flourish. He manages all age groups from admin, to coaching fixtures and the endless lost property. He is a natural with the children, encouraging, motivating and supportive. His instruction is having a clear impact on the teams who consistently win matches and this year for the U11 team, the league by a long stretch. Paul's dedication to the club is remarkable and the results achieved, undeniably good. Despite a busy day job, Paul throws himself into all aspects of cricket club life and despite the never ending cycle of organising, managing, coaching, guiding, advising etc always makes himself available for a friendly and welcoming chat with members and newcomers. Paul is the heart and soul of the club.

CRICKET INNOVATORS



This award is for the special volunteer that has brought new ideas and implemented new systems to improve your club or community. They think outside the box to enhance the experience of those at your club and are always looking to challenge the norm and for ways of doing things better.

Nominees

Ben Brook Putney CC

Ben has changed the fortunes of the club by redesigning our website. It searches brilliantly, it is easy to now contribute match reports and stats, it keeps the community connected with an easy email engine and simplifies the collection of match fees and annual subs. Ben's work has helped us grow seamlessly from 4 sides a weekend to, amazingly, 9. Ben is Sunday captain and picked up the squad from a despondent state and always ensures that 22 fellers have a tremendous day out. Ben's continuous innovation has made him an asset to the club.

Dan Allen Sanderstead CC

Dan is a true innovator within recreational cricket having been at the forefront of live streaming over the past 5 years at Sanderstead CC. The Sanderstead YouTube channel has over 21,000 subscribers and his videos have been viewed over 6.2 million times across the channel! His most popular videos have been viewed over 140,000 times and many of his clips have been used on cricket based twitter sites such as Cricket District and 'That's So Village'. One video of a balancing bail even got retweeted by Sachin Tendulkar!! There has also been other benefits to the club with sponsorship revenue and a growth in membership seen as a result of his work. He has set up an online course that clubs can sign up to in order to learn how he has gone about creating such a strong following at Sanderstead. Dan was well ahead of the curve when it comes to streaming which we believe makes him a true cricket innovator!

Gary Dunford Frimley Phoenix CC

Gary Dunford is an inspiring person and coach who has used his experience within Visually Impaired cricket and youth coaching to develop and adapt a version of Allstars cricket for visually impaired

children. This was introduced at Frimley Phoenix cricket club and has had the high acclaim from Richard Hill MBE of the ECB who visited the club. Gary also took the group to the Oval for the Surrey Disabilities Day where the new All Star format was played and is soon to be expanded. Gary and more importantly the parents and children were interviewed on BBC Radio Surrey's cricket show of their appreciation of the VI All Stars format.

Natasha MacLean Kingstonian CC

Natasha joined the club in 2020. Soon after she offered to help out in every possible way. Due to the Covid crisis, this was only done sparingly during the initial 2020 season, but the activity immediately peaked in the off-season. The club had previously tried to engage girls but not very successfully. Natasha took it upon herself to engage other female volunteers to drum up local interest in two free taster sessions at the club. The taster sessions proved a resounding success with over 50 girls. This in turn led to the club setting up girls only All Stars and Dynamos sessions led by female volunteers and overseen by an ECB level 2 coach. Natasha even organised the first ever female cricket team for the club who have played a total of 3 matches so far. Our club is very lucky to have her!

Ravi Gidoomal Kingstonian CC

Ravi joined our club in 2018 and has since made invaluable contributions. He earned his Level 2 qualification in 2019. As a volunteer, he went out of his way to help out with the juniors in our cricket club. Last summer, Ravi took it upon himself to commence the cricket sessions while closely following all government protocols. It is worth noting that even the closure of the club's home ground did not stop Ravi from going ahead with his passion. Ravi, along with a fellow coach took the initiative to conduct sessions with smaller groups in a local park right next to the club's home ground. Ravi also initiated club nights over the course of the summer – this started parents Vs colts matches and various games with BYO food and drink, thus enhancing the club feel when it was needed most.

UNSUNG HERO



The unsung heroes help us make cricket happen and are always willing to undertake key roles when they are not fulfilled by others. They help recruit and retain players, administrators and officials and have dedicated a significant amount of time to the club. They are always there to lend a hand and your club simply could not do without them.

Nominees

Alan Greig
Asad Butt
Bob Ford
BTCL Committee
David Babb
Ganesh Guru

Jon Molloy
Lisa Fownes-Walpole
Manoharan Masilamani
Mark Anthony
Martin Knott
Mike White

Paul Bower
Paul Macey
Per Arne Johnsen
Peter Babb
Prashant Sinai
Richard Luff

Simon Jones
Stuart Surridge
Terry Jacobs
Toby Corning
Vivek Subramanyam

Shortlist

Bob Ford

Old Rutlishians CC

Bob saved our ground! With our Groundsman furloughed, the ground laid empty and would've fallen into a terrible state, but that's when Bob stepped up. Every day Bob was there, litter picking, fixing, repainting, mowing, tidying, replanting, everything needed to keep our ground from falling into disrepair. He's a volunteer, his son hasn't played at the club in years, he just loves the helping out. Completely selfless, bringing his many DIY skills, no task is above, or below, Bob. Having done so much himself, with the relaxation in the lockdown rules he ran our belated CricketForce day, turned up with a long list of jobs, roped in our cricketers and their families and set them to work. This summer, the ground looked great and was ready to play, all down to Bob. Every club needs a volunteer like Bob.

Lisa Fownes Walpole

Dorking CC

Lisa is the absolute foundation of our junior cricket section and has been for many, many years. She has helped to grow and maintain the colts section to 180 children. She is also exceptionally passionate about making sure that those colts don't give up on cricket and continue to fill the adult section here at Dorking which is critical to our future success. The last two years have been exceptionally hard for Lisa as she is also in charge of welfare and dealing with COVID.

Mike White

Bagshot CC

Unsung Hero is a very suitable title for Mike. He is always there when you need him and is able to solve any issue thrown his way. He is unflappable and so hardworking. He is easily the most well-known and most liked person at the club. He is involved in every area and Bagshot would simply not run without him. Since taking on head of colts 7 years ago, Mike has doubled our numbers. He has set up a 4XI this year and arranged numerous Ladies games to ensure that there is cricket for everyone. It's hard to put in to words how much Mike does for the club and what a difference he makes. He is an inspiring coach and truly has a player-centered approach in everything that he does.

Richard Luff

Chertsey CC

Richard created a team of primary school dads in 1989 which has run successfully ever since- recently celebrating the 30th anniversary. This is down to his patience, commitment, passion & hard work. He has introduced many to cricket who otherwise would not be interested. In 1997 he set up a Chertsey Cricket Social League which is still going strong & has an average of 10 teams per league. It brings communities together & is a competitive league played in great spirit. Only a small number of people realise that Richard runs the league, fixtures & rules. His selfless approach has brought so much to joy 1000's of local cricketers & he has developed a culture of inclusion and fun as well as seeing the standards of cricket improve year on year.

INSPIRED TO PLAY



This award highlights someone who goes above and beyond in your community to open the game up to new audiences. They have increased the number of children and women participating and have recruited new volunteers to help deliver the Inspire to Play programmes. They are introducing new initiatives and encouraging others to come on the journey in trying something new.

Nominees

Asad Butt
Brent Kay
Charley Teale

Derek Bytheway
Martin Kovats

Rauf Abdur
Trevor Fordyce

Shortlist

Charley Teale Guildford CC

Charley has established a structured junior section at the club to support our established women's teams and to encourage more inexperienced adults to join. This involved entering 2 new leagues this year to ensure game play for these new members and recruitment of the players from a starting point of zero. Charley has gone out to local schools to raise the profile of Guildford CC and had three open sessions for potential new girl recruits. We now have a squad of 15 U15's and potentially up to 50 girls for next year. She has made the girls a team and they won their first game in June and have won two more since.

Derek Bytheway Pirbright CC

Derek has sticks, mobility impairment, Parkinson's and dexterity impairment but is inspiring as our President. Not only is he driving our new pavilion project but within 36 hours of suggesting walking cricket to him he had a group of 8 ready to play. His infectious enthusiasm has galvanised a group of 65-84

year olds with many medical issues to play walking cricket every week and re-engage this entire group with cricket and with the club. Two are representing Surrey this week against Essex. He also personally sponsored our new women's smash it teams, attends their festivals and even umpires and scores for them. Derek is an inspiration to us all.

Martin Kovats Southwark Park CC

SPCC would not exist without Martin. This year he organised and led our Dynamos and All Stars offerings, bringing in volunteers from our adult team and always encouraging parents to help. He obtained funding for c30 low-income families to participate and free evening coaching for U12s, with more SPCC volunteers, culminating in SPCC's first ever U12 game, with more games booked. He continues to advocate inclusive cricket in our adult teams, a guarantee of 'if you want a game, you'll get a game', bringing those who have never played into our midst. He is a constant presence in local council and interest group meetings, advocating community cricket and raising the profile of the club. His efforts, coupled with generous donations, led to the installation of public nets in Southwark Park, which are free and open to all.

LIFETIME ACHIEVER



This individual has given many years of service to your club and community and undertaken a variety of playing and volunteering roles. They have impacted the development of the club at all levels and embraced change to help the club move forward. Their hard work and dedication will provide a legacy for the club and provide for regeneration in the future.

Nominees

Allan Turner
Andrew Sugarman
Andy Harden

Brian Turner
Chris Evans
Martin Maybrey

Richard Maddock
Roger Price

Shortlist

Andrew Sugarman
Purley CC

Having become chairman of the club at a time of financial uncertainty, Andy grew the club impressively 'in the right way' with a goodbye to paid players and an increased emphasis on home grown players. Under his supervision the colts section (including the birth of the girls section) has continued to grow with the club now having record numbers of juniors signed up now. On top of all this, Andy has led the defence of the club in the various threats we have faced over the last few years including multiple attempts to have cricket removed from the grounds by the sports club. Andy has tirelessly worked on a planning application to ensure that safety netting can be erected at the club. Not only was Andy able to secure the future of the cricket club at Purley twice but also then has admirably rebuilt relationships with the sports club. He has done all of this without ever seeking the limelight himself and all for the good of the club. If anybody deserved to have their efforts celebrated then it is him.

Brian Turner
Walton on Thames CC

Brian has made an outstanding contribution to our club. He started as a player in the late 60's, fulfilled various committee roles in the 70's and 80's before becoming Chairman in 1989. When the pavilion burnt down in 1997, Brian almost single handedly led the fund raising effort to facilitate the rebuilding

of our current premises. Brian has remained actively involved in the club since standing as chairman in 2003 and, when our last chairman stood down in 2019, Brian stepped up to take over the role on a caretaker basis. At the time of doing so, he was one year into a term as club President. At 83, Brian continues to fulfil both roles with remarkable energy and in a style that gets the best out of our many volunteers at the club. A wonderful man, universally liked, whose contribution has been immeasurable.

Martin Maybrey
Wonersh CC

It is no stretch to say that Martin has dedicated his life to Wonersh Cricket Club. Brought up in the village, he made his debut for us at age 13, and would go on to play for us for 50 years. He was a fine opening bowler, though was always equally renowned for his sportsmanship and good humour. Over the years he has held every role imaginable on the committee, and ran the bar for decades. Today his most visible role is that of groundsman. He took on this responsibility back in 1971, and since then has transformed our ground into one of the best kept and most beautiful in the region (even if we do say so ourselves). Martin was instrumental in the establishment of our fine pavilion, both in securing funding and project managing its construction. It is impossible to imagine WCC and the village as a whole without Martin. More than being a phenomenal servant (entirely voluntarily) of the club though, he is a true gentleman and great friend to us all. He is brimming with enthusiasm, always has a kind word, and gives every new player the warmest of welcomes into the WCC family.



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