

Northamptonshire Sports Awards 2018

Thursday 8th November

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Programme
of Events

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Welcome to the 14th annual Northamptonshire Sports Awards. Congratulations on reaching this stage. For some of you, you will have entered at one of the four district sports awards, once again fantastically delivered by Corby Borough Council, Daventry District Council, Kettering Borough Council and Northampton Leisure Trust. For those outside of those districts, you will entered directly into the county round, but you all deserve your recognition for the contribution, dedication, skills, perseverance, resilience and a lot more superlatives for what you have done to get here.

Sport and physical activity is a wonderful thing, a great medicine for our ills, a wonderful antidote to many of life's challenges, providing opportunities for us to come together and support each other. We see daily the positive contribution being active can bring, the satisfaction gained when an achievement is made, irrespective of the level of participation and competition.

Northamptonshire Sport would like to thank you all for your own individual and collective contributions that help make Northamptonshire a great place to be active and enjoy sport. There is a strong network of clubs, coaches, leagues, volunteers, parents, and helpers all keen to get Northamptonshire moving. Thank you also to our category sponsors and our partners across the county for all you do to make activity happen.

Mike Sewell



Mike has been a radio and television broadcaster in sport for more than 25 years, primarily as a football commentator and reporter. Originally from Norwich, Mike has lived in Northamptonshire since 1996, moving to the county to become Sports Editor at BBC Radio Northampton.

During his three years in the role, Mike co-ordinated the station's coverage of all sport in Northants in addition to commentating on Northampton Town matches. The highlight of his time at the station was undoubtedly commentating on John Frain's winning goal at Wembley in 1997.

After leaving BBC Northampton, Mike spent almost 13 years on the staff at BBC Sport in London where he mainly worked for BBC Radio 5 Live. In that time, and since going freelance in 2012, Mike has covered some of the world's biggest sporting events including four World Cups, three European Championships, five Olympic/Paralympic Games and an entire season as 5 Live's pit lane reporter for Formula One. He's also proud to say he's the host of the annual World Conker Championships!

This is his ninth consecutive year hosting the Northamptonshire Sports Awards.

Programme of Events

From 6.30pm

Reception and bar open. Dinner will be served

8pm

Welcomes

8.15pm

Awards commence

10pm

Awards finish

Sequence of Awards

- Community Coach of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Volunteer of the Year
- Get Active Award
- Active Workplace of the Year
- Disabled Sportsperson of the Year
- Young Sportswoman of the Year
- Young Sportsman of the Year
- Primary PE & School Sport Premium Impact Award
- Primary Sport School of the Year
- Secondary Sport School of the Year
- Local Sportswoman of the Year
- Local Sportsman of the Year
- Community Club of the Year
- Community Team of the Year
- Lifetime Contribution to Sport
- Sports Personality of the Year



COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR

Shane Smith

Shane is the head endurance coach at Kettering Town Harriers and has had his most successful season to date. Shane has guided Emily Williams to a European Silver medal and to be ranked UK number 1 at 1500m. He has overseen a number of club athletes to national representation success, ranging from U13s to veteran runners and triathletes.

Tim Evans

Tim is the head coach at Corby Swimming Club and has overseen the club make huge waves in competitive swimming. Corby SC had over 40 swimmers qualify for the 2017 County Championships, and 15 swimmers from Corby swam at the 2018 Regional Championships. Five swimmers also made it to the national stage. Club membership is at record numbers.

Jacquie Marshall

Jacquie is head coach at Northampton Swimming Club and during the last season has seen her swimmers win a Commonwealth Games Gold medal, World Para Swimming European Championships Gold Medals, 9 World Records, 10 European records, 15 British Records, 7 Regional Records and 142 County Records. Northampton Swimming Club placed second in the National Arena B League and was top of the medals table at the British National Championships.

Saffron Small

Saffron is a volunteer coach at Daventry Cycling Club. She gives many hours of her time to leading Breeze rides, as well as doing the admin for the Daventry Go – Ride Sessions. She is also the club's secretary.

2018 Winner:



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Liz Panter

Liz is the key organiser of the Kettering Cyclone Cycling Club. She manages club registrations, website and social media, coaching and race diaries, paperwork connected to entering leagues and competitions, manages club kit as well as supporting the club's volunteers. She is the club's fundraiser and is the epicentre of the Cyclones.

Bruce Donald

Bruce event managed the first ever Grettton Cycling Sportive, a Charity event that attracted 115 cyclists and raised over £3,000 for The Travers Foundation. In addition to the main event, a junior off-road fun ride was also delivered. Bruce worked tirelessly to ensure all competitors and volunteers had a great experience and delivered a high quality, safe and friendly event.

Thomas Davies

Tom was instrumental in developing a school club link between Overstone Golf Club and Lings Primary and has over the last year devoted many hours to developing the junior members at the club. Tom is at the club daily and spends over 21 hours a week supporting players, often walking the course with them, setting up coaching, setting up competitions and events, as well as transporting children to different courses throughout the county to take part in county events.

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YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

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Adam Doughty

Adam has been volunteering for the last 4 years at Kettering Hawks Football Club. He is a linesman, coach to an U15 team, as well as supporting other club coaches. He is part of the club's committee and spent much of his summer preparing pitches – a hard task given the hot and dry conditions leading to large cracks opening up often making pitches unplayable. He helps with whatever needs to be done.

Issy Owen

Issy has been playing netball for the last 3 years and has recently taken on the role of junior coach, assisting the lead coach with the 7-8 year old players. Issy is a mature 10 year old who takes her coaching very seriously. The younger players all look up to her, Issy explains what she wants from the girls and has had great results from the teams.

William Heath

William is a crucial member of the Northampton COYS Touch Rugby Club and he has, over the last season, taken on coaching responsibilities for a group of adults, despite only being 14. He coaches twice a week and this summer established a ladies team at the club, recruiting over 50% of the players and taking them for training and integrating them into the club. He has also developed a Northampton COYS playbook, with animated GIFs for players to follow.

William O'Toole

12 year old William is a Junior Instructor with Daventry Tigers teaching in the beginners classes. William is an exceptional role model for the junior students as he has made significant progress in the sport following a change in his desire and attitude. He received excellent feedback when he recently instructed a group of adults for his knowledge and his communication.

2018 Winner:



GET ACTIVE AWARD 2018

Kettering parkrun

A free, weekly timed 5k walk, jog or run that is delivered at Wicksteed Park every Saturday morning, the Kettering parkrun celebrated its 100th event this year. Over the last 12 months, 1,700 people have registered the event as their home run and approximately 325 people take part each week. Over 280 people have volunteered to make the events happen. It is now part of the social prescribing initiatives of local GP surgeries.

Tim Wardley

Tim has been using a wheelchair since developing Arthritis Spondylosis. In the last year, Tim has taken up the challenge to complete the Great North Run in his day chair to raise funds for Spinal Research UK. When he first started he could not push himself 1 mile but with determination he completed his challenge. Being active has also helped Tim deal with his anxiety, developed since he started using a wheelchair.

Catherine Hickford

Catherine started attending parkrun in 2014. At first, she could not run and would be the first to admit she was really unfit and unhealthy. She has slowly built her fitness up and now runs the whole thing. She has lost a staggering 6.5 stones since May 2017 and has run 22 personal bests at Northampton parkrun. Her time of 39:12 is almost 19 minutes faster than her slowest. She has completed 108 parkruns and has volunteered 12 times and is an inspiration to all.

2018 Winner:



ACTIVE WORKPLACE OF THE YEAR

St Andrew's Health Care

The sport and exercise therapy team work tirelessly to ensure all patients and staff are offered daily wellbeing activities and exercise throughout the year. A broad offer of activities are provided to be as inclusive as possible and the activities support people to re-join the community.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

The staff at the school have been very busy all year engaging with physical activity. Not only have they ensured all pupils at the school are active, they have practiced what they preach. Staff take part in active lessons, entered three teams in the Workplace Challenge, winning the ladies archery competition, organised and took part in a family cross country race, entered a 10km trail run and raised £750 for charity at the 10k Corby Race for Life event. They also participated in the Northamptonshire Business Games.

2018 Winner:



DISABLED SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Dermot Bailey

Dermot is a GB wheelchair tennis player. This year, he has won the Singles and Doubles at the Bulley Open in Switzerland, Singles and Doubles at the Slovakian Open, the Memorial Cup Singles in Belgium and the Singles at the Return Cup in Hungary. He also won a Silver medal at the World Team Cup (Davis Cup) in Holland.

Eleanor Robinson

A multiple Gold medallist and record holder at all levels, Eleanor was selected for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, winning Gold in the S7 50m butterfly, despite being a S6 swimmer competing in a class higher. At the European Para – Swimming Championships Eleanor won Gold in the S6 50m Butterfly, as well as a Silver & Bronze in different races. She is also the S6 50m Butterfly Long Course World Record.

Jack Sharpe

Jack has Temporal Lobe Epilepsy and as a result, suffers with several types of seizure. These seizures have impacted on his progress in archery, including missing much of the 2017 / 2018 indoor season. Jack has overcome these issues with hard work and is now shooting both for the county and the East Midlands.

Kian Saville

Kian competed in the 2018 County Swimming Championships and won 12 gold medals. Having achieved regional qualifying times, Kian was ranked first in the East Midlands region at the Para regionals. For the first time, Kian qualified for Swim England's Summer Nationals and has competed for England and Team GB.

Maisie Summers-Newton

Another world class para - swimmer, Maisie is a gold medallist and record holder at all levels. Maisie won the S6 100m breaststroke at the World Para-Swimming Championships and 200m Individual Medley and 4x100m Women's Medley relay at the European Para-Swimming Championships. She also won a bronze medal in the S6 400m Freestyle. In total Maisie broke 7 World Records during the 2017-18 season.

2018 Winner:



YOUNG SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Betsy Wizard

Betsy holds 40 county swimming records, is the second fastest 14 year old female ever in Great Britain (100m butterfly), is a multiple medallist at the British Championships, with golds in 50m & 100m butterfly and was selected for the Swim England Level 3 development camp.

Elise Sparham

Elise has been kickboxing for 4 years and in this time she has become a member of the BCKA national team and was a member of the England WKC World Championship team. Elise currently holds 2 WKC World Championships, alongside numerous British and European titles.

Rachael Lever

Rachael won her second British Champion fencing title, is the British Cadet (U17) champion and a bronze medallist in the Junior (U20) category. She is also the Scottish champion and helped Scotland win Team Gold at the Cadet (U17) Commonwealth Games.

Lauren Hughes

Lauren has helped Daventry Tigers win various competitions in coloured belt competitions, including the British Championship Yellow belt. In July, Lauren became World Champion in the Girls Green belt patterns and has achieved podium finishes in all her events.

Gracie Murray

Gracie is a very talented young golfer who has, over the last 12 months, won the Ladies County Medal final, the Kettering Ladies Speight Cup, most improved player on the Shires Golf tour and played in the England Golf finals. She hopes emulate the success of Kettering's own superstar golfer, Charley Hull.

Emily Williams

Undisputed UK No1 U17 athlete over 1500m, won a 1500m Silver medal at the European U18 Championships, is the English Schools 1500m Champion for the second successive year, as well as the British & Irish SIAB International over 1500m. Emily has won 5 England vests & is ranked 3rd European athlete over 1500m & 5th over 800m.

2018 Winner:



YOUNG SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Joseph Humphries

Joseph is an extremely talented wakeboarder, currently ranked number 1 in the UK for Under 14 boys. He became the Malibu Wakeboard UK national boys champion, won the Nautique Quays Wake Open Boys event and the R & T Big Air competition. He finished 6th in the European Championship and travels to Surrey weekly for sessions with his coach.

David Gillespie

David has set numerous club records at Corby Swimming Club this year, as well as winning two silver and a bronze medal at the 2018 Regional Championships. David has once again been selected to Swim England's talent programme and is ranked number 3 in Great Britain for Sprint Butterfly.

Tyler Cole-Dyer

Having taught himself at home, Tyler has gone from strength to strength and at 13 years of age, is a triple British Champion, part of the Great Britain squad and the World Junior Champion in the 11 -12 Male Synchronised trampolining event.

Thomas Symons

Tom is a kickboxer with a growing list of achievements. This year, he won the WAKO Junior European Championship. He was selected to fight for Team GB at the WAKO World Championships, winning a world silver medal for under 69kgs points fighting. He won 3 titles at the WAKO British championships and has also moved into men's divisions. He will represent GB at the upcoming World Championships in Ireland.

2018 Winner:



PRIMARY PE PREMIUM IMPACT AWARD

The Bliss Charity School

A School Games Mark Gold school that has used the PE Premium to provide swimming for all Year 4 and 5 pupils, enabled all pupils to take part in break and lunch time clubs, 72% of pupils access free extra-curricular clubs and a healthy breakfast / healthy eating snack shop has been implemented.

Priors Hall - A Learning Community

The school has increased the range of activities and number of children participating in after school activities and has also made them cheaper to attend. An activity trail has been installed, teachers upskilled, engagement with the School Games increased and children are active for at least 30 minutes a day.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

The school provides all pupils with 2 hours of PE, with a highly skilled and well-trained workforce. Young Leaders are developed and deployed to help clubs such as the well-attended Change 4 Life club which reflects the school's promotion of healthy active lifestyles, including 30 active minutes for all children.

Raunds Park Infant School

The school provides all children with 30 active minutes a day. It has purchased new playground equipment and a scooter rack to promote active travel to school, bought 30 activity trackers that are worn by a class for a week with a star stepper award given. The school was awarded an AFPE Quality mark.

Oundle Primary School

PE Premium has been used to fund interventions to help children unconfident in PE to access opportunities and to upskill all teachers in teaching PE. An outdoor gym was funded to allow children to be more active during the day, there has been an increase in activity clubs and take up of the clubs and links to community groups has seen good progression from school to community.

2018 Winner:



PRIMARY SPORTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Great Doddington Primary School

Inclusion and participation is at the heart of what the school does, with 100% of children having represented the school in sports events. OFSTED found pupils 'relish the opportunity to represent the school', that the school is really sporty and 'everyone gets chosen'. The school took part in 37 tournaments last year; raised funding to install brand new playground equipment by running laps of the playing field. The school is a Gold School Games Mark school.

The Bliss Charity School

The Bliss is a School Games Mark Gold school and all pupils take part in break and lunch time clubs, as well as 72% of pupils accessing extra-curricular clubs that are free to pupils and run by staff; 61% of pupils represented the school at School Games events, including 4 teams going to the county finals. The school has also established a healthy breakfast project and a healthy eating snack shop.

St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

The school has achieved School Games Mark Gold for the first time, moving from Bronze to Gold. 100% of children took part in Level 1, 88% of KS2 attended Level 2 competitions and the school accessed 7 Level 3 events. 79% of children access extra-curricular clubs and all children have shown an increased confidence and participation in an active and healthy lifestyle.

Boothville Primary School

A larger than average Primary School provides logistical challenges in ensuring all are offered opportunities, but the school has found ways to provide all pupils have equal access to opportunities. They provide 30 active minutes for all pupils, restructuring the timetable to ensure all have active breaks and lunchtimes. They are a School Games Mark Gold school and offer a broad range of curricular and extracurricular provision. Provision for SEND pupils has also been a key focus for the year.

Flore CE Primary School

As a small school with only 63 children, the school has performed exceptionally well in competitive school sport, representing the county at the ESFA regional finals, winning the district's small schools tag rugby and winning bronze at the Level 3 School Games Goalball finals. The School is a School Games Mark Gold school, delivers at least 2 hours of PE, 90% of pupils access clubs on a regular basis and the school has developed strong school club links.

Oundle Primary School

Oundle Primary school has committed to increasing engagement with the School Games programme and 100% of children take part in class vs class competitions. All KS2 pupils are engaged in sport leadership to help deliver these competitions, 77% of children represented the school at Level 2 in 18 different sports. A School Governor has also accessed free places at a local club for pupil premium children.

2018 Winner:



SECONDARY SPORTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

Kettering Buccleuch Academy

The PE department at the school has continued to excel both in the theoretical aspects and the extracurricular provision. A Level results were in the top 10% nationally, with 50% achieving a B grade or higher. Extra-curricular opportunities continue to rise with 452 different students attending after school clubs.

Malcolm Arnold Academy

A School Games Mark Gold school, MAA continues to offer high quality PE and after school provisions. On average, 609 students attend clubs each week. The school ran 242 fixtures last year and have had a number of students access national representative sports. 100% of pupils passed the BTEC Level 2 & 3 courses, with over 70% achieving distinctions.

2018 Winner:



LOCAL SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Susan Corless

Another great archery season for Susan when she was invited to join the GB national squad. She was part of the team that finished 9th at the 2017 World Championship. She also won the Euronations title as part of the all-conquering England team and won the European Ladies title. Susan has also achieved Grand Master Bowman classification for the Outdoor season, which puts her in the top 1% of competing UK Archers.

Annette Russell

Annette this year completed 7 marathons in 7 days and spent over 31 hours over the week running around the lakes in Milton Keynes to complete this fantastic feat. Of the 40 people who started the event, only 15 completed it and Annette finished in 3rd place.

Rebecca Wigfield

Rebecca won the 21st Hong King Tiger Open Championship Plate event and then won the 7th Chinese Open as part of a team of four. She has been an England International for many years and skippered the team that won the British Isles Women's International Series. She is also the European Bowls Championship Women's Pair gold medallist.

2018 Winner:



LOCAL SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Carl Fail

Carl is a full time Boxer with Great Britain and hopes to be selected for the 2020 Olympic Games. This year Carl has moved up to the full podium Olympic team, has won a silver medal in Romania, won his World Series Boxing debut against the World ranked number 3 boxer and has also boxed in Turkey in the Golden Gloves tournament.

Kevin Jane

Kevin is a World Masters champion weight lifter in the 93kg category. He was also the runner up in the overall best lifter (all weight classes). He is also the European Masters Champion and has won the British Masters championship for 25 consecutive years. He holds world records in Dead lift and Total as well as setting 4 other world records.

Peter Gray

Peter is a great ambassador for Corby Athletics Club and has been a member for 30 years. He has achieved a place in the Northern Ireland Veterans squad as well as representing Corby in the Veterans track events.

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COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

Kettering Hockey Club

Kettering Hockey Club was named the England Hockey 'Club of the Year', beating off 600 other clubs for this prestigious honour. The club has grown junior membership to 80 and have 38 juniors selected to play county hockey. It runs 4 ladies, 4 mens and 4 junior age group teams, as well as having members still playing into their 70s. With a new committee in place, the club has also just reaccredited with ClubMark.

Corby Steel Diving Club

Corby Steel Diving Club is a dynamic and highly successful community club that delivers excellent opportunities for local individuals. It is supported by a highly motivated committee and is expanding its membership and coaching team year on year. It has been awarded Swim Mark accreditation and is one of only 8 clubs in the country to be awarded with Diving Development Centre status.

Oundle RFC

Oundle RFC have climbed from Midlands 4 to Midlands 1 in only 4 seasons. They are the highest performing side in the county (excluding Northampton Saints). Participation rates have increased, symbolised by programmes such as 'return to rugby'. The club also raised £20,000 to assist with the upbringing of the 1 year old son of a player who sadly passed away. Oundle RFC is truly 'a small-town club with a big heart'

Daventry Tigers

The club has now grown to approximately 130 members and the club has developed a super team of child focused instructors to support the club's two founders. The club provides ongoing training and development for its members and this year retained Sport England's ClubMark accredited status. The club boasts a number of current World Champions and medallists, 6 National Champions and has developed a junior instructor programme for junior members to train other juniors.

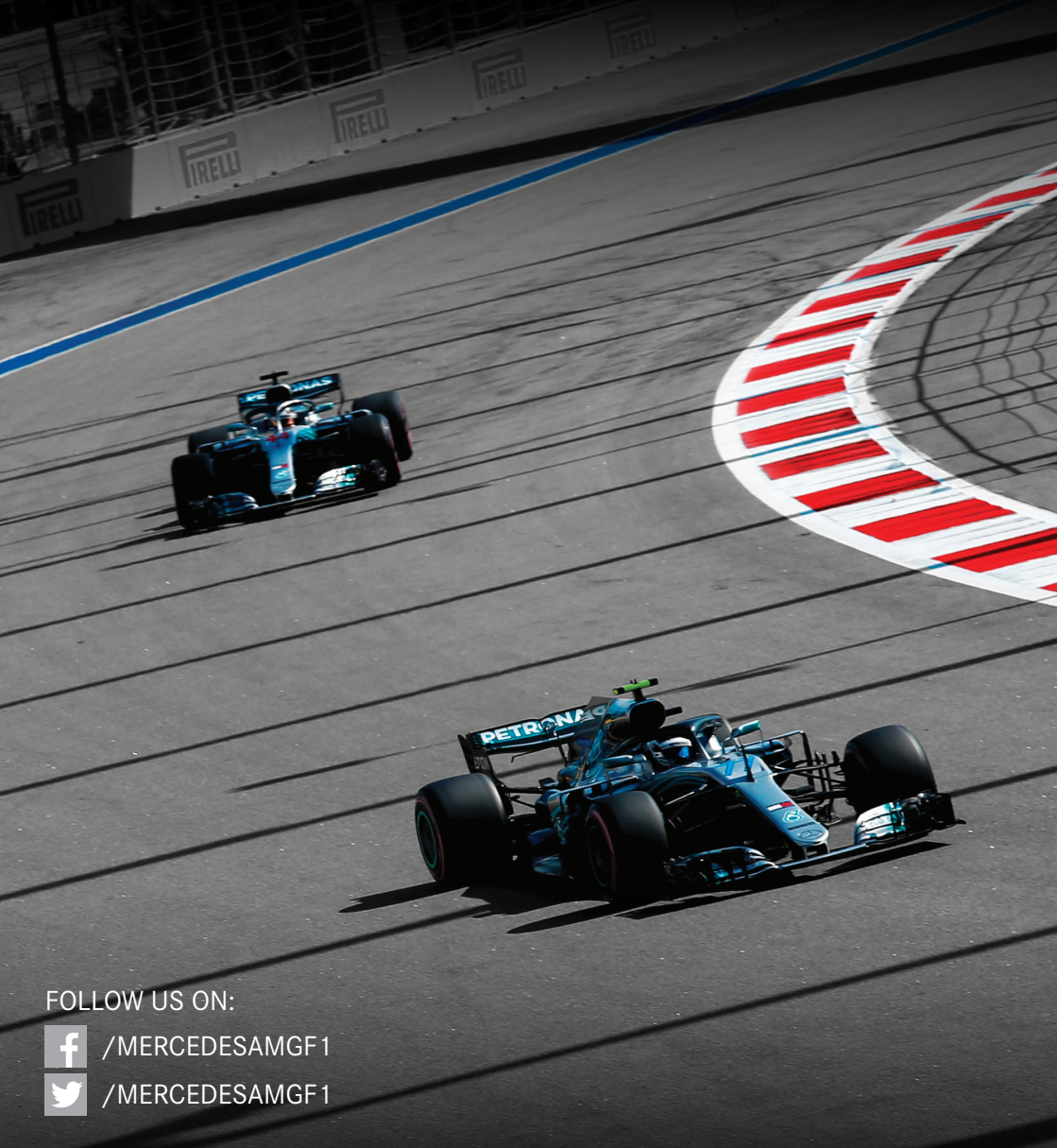
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COMMUNITY TEAM OF THE YEAR

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Geddington Cricket Club U15s

The U15 cricket team at Geddington CC finished top of the Wilson Browne league going unbeaten throughout. They also won the League Cup and went on to win the County Cup. This progressed them to the Regional finals, where they lost in the final to the eventual National winners. Out of 1700 teams, they got to the last 8, suffering just the one loss all season.

Corby Town Ladies FC

The Corby Ladies FC were promoted to the East Midlands Regional league in only their third season and aspire to win promotion to the Premier League. They are a true credit to Corby and have inspired many local junior girls footballers to progress in the game.

Northampton Swimming Club

Northampton Swimming Club's swimming team have smashed records across the county and the world this year. The team currently hold 9 World Records, 10 European Records, 15 British Records, 7 Regional Records and 142 County Records. They were placed second in the National Arena League B finals and topped the medals table at Northants County, the East Midlands Regional Championships and the British Summer National Championships.

Daventry Tigers

The senior girls Patterns team compete in Taekwondo in a discipline that is like Synchronised swimming, minus the water! Performing nationally, the team won the Yellow Belt competition, scoring the highest ever score in this category. The team then competed in the Green and Blue Belt category at the English Championships and won a silver medal.

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Tom Sellers

Tom has held many roles at Kettering Hockey Club, including coach to the juniors for 27 years, club treasurer, and social secretary, bar steward, club house manager and president of Northants Hockey. Tom was instrumental in the club achieving Clubs 1st in 2005, the club would not be where it is today without Tom. Whilst he has now retired from admin duties, Tom still plays Hockey.

Howard Wilkinson

A tireless volunteer for over 40 years, holding a number of roles, including Club President for the last 5 years. He has progressed from parent to committee member to pool side official. He is a senior referee and regularly manages competitions and officials on behalf of Corby Swimming Club and Northamptonshire Swimming. He continues to train swimming officials, over 30 already this year. He has also organised two national swimming meets this year to help raise funds for the club.

Julie Walsh

Julie has been the Recreational Programme Manager at NTGA for over 30 years. She has coached thousands of members, of all ages and abilities, and is a key reason why the club has successfully retained members over the years. She has also mentored countless coaches, passing on her enthusiasm and knowledge for the sport. She is the chair of the NTGA fundraising committee and has raised thousands of pounds for the club.

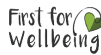
Jackson White

World Master Jackson White (8th degree Black belt) is an inspiration to many and has been involved in Martial Arts for 50 years, initially as a participant but opened his first school in 1980. He has since grown his schools across Northamptonshire (and other areas of the country). Jackson still competes and recently won the 2018 World Sparring Championship, and he continues to train and develop martial artists, holding legendary status amongst his peers.

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