

EALING SPORTS AWARDS 2025

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WELCOME

We are excited to welcome nominees, guests, and supporters to the 8th Ealing Sports Awards here at William Perkin High School with a special thank you to Everyone Active for your continued support.

After another year of exciting and thrilling international sport, we are proud to celebrate the volunteers, the sports clubs and the vast number of sports people that contribute to and benefit from community sport in Ealing. This evening will recognise these groups and individuals who create opportunities for others.

We are incredibly lucky to have such a wealth of sports clubs and community organisations across Ealing run by hundreds of dedicated and passionate volunteers, who provide sporting opportunities throughout the year for children and adults from local leagues through to national competitions – they really are the backbone of sport and without them Ealing wouldn't have the rich and talented sporting community it does now.

Congratulations to everyone who has been nominated, to those that were shortlisted and to the winners of this year's Ealing Sports Awards, we hope everyone enjoys the evening and feels inspired by the many stories featured.



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COMPÈRE FOR THE EVENING



PETER GORDON

An accomplished broadcaster, performer, communications specialist, media trainer and event host. Peter's career spans more than 35 years; he was the Content Director, voice, and indeed the public face, of Eagle Radio, broadcasting to Surrey and Hampshire, which was the leading commercial radio station for audience reach in one of Europe's busiest and competitive radio markets of more than 70 radio stations. He also hosted the radio station's breakfast show for 25 years.

In recent times, Peter has presented the breakfast show on BBC Radio Surrey as well as various different shows across BBC Local Radio. He also fronts a much loved weekly 80s show on the south coast's V2 Radio.

As one of the original employees of the ground-breaking UKRD Radio Group, which prided itself on a supportive company culture – winning the "Sunday Times Best Company to Work For" award many times – Peter actively promotes the importance of strong cultural values in business to help inclusivity and staff engagement. He now runs coaching sessions and workshops on request to help groups and organisations move forward through better conversations.

Peter is also a voice artist and professional actor - appearing over many years in pantomime at Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre as well as previously at Woking's New Victoria Theatre and Aldershot's Princes Hall. He also took on the role of Falstaff in the Guildford Shakespeare Company's open air production of the Merry Wives of Windsor.

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ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



ANDY PRICE ACTONIANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Selfless • Dependable • Joyful

Andy is the heart and soul of Actonians WFC. Since his daughter Ava joined five years ago, Andy has become an indispensable part of the club. He has gone above and beyond, volunteering across the junior and senior sections, always with a smile and a huge sense of fun. Andy runs the line, organises award ceremonies and supports our women's first team by manning the gate on matchdays and coordinating mascots. No task is too big or too small, he's always the first to offer help. His positive energy and commitment bring people together, creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where players, parents and coaches feel supported. He's become a role model for younger volunteers. Andy is a true grassroots hero and a club legend. He embodies everything that makes community sport special, and we can't imagine Actonians WFC without him.

I'm absolutely thrilled to be shortlisted by Actonians WFC for the Ealing Volunteer of the Year award. It's an honour to help support such an inspiring women's and girls' football club.



PETER GANNON WEST LONDON EAGLES HANDBALL CLUB

Dedicated • Caring • Selfless

West London Eagles HC is one of the UK's leading handball clubs, with one of the most successful junior development programmes. It runs men's and women's teams from U10 to senior level, training five evenings a week, at three Ealing venues. At its heart is Peter, the Junior Director, who is involved in every aspect of the club's activities and is one of our most dedicated board members. He has overseen a hugely supportive, dynamic and engaging culture across the club and every year he organises a junior team trip to our Danish partner club, which is one of the highlights of the year. Peter is a qualified referee and table official and visits schools to run GCSE handball sessions. He provides incredible energy and dedication. Frankly we don't know how he manages it all, but the club wouldn't be the same without him.

I'm deeply honoured to be short-listed. It's been a pleasure to serve such a vibrant club and inspiring to witness the dedication of volunteers across Ealing truly make a difference.

ADULT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



RAYMOND CHOI EALING HOCKEY CLUB

Welcoming • Dedicated • Tireless

Over the past two seasons, Raymond has been the linchpin of our Girls U14's, skilfully managing four teams with remarkable efficiency, his selfless dedication and profound impact on our club are truly inspiring. Raymond has also revitalized our adult Back2Hockey sessions. His unwavering commitment and warm spirit embody the essence of volunteerism, he inspires young people to embrace hockey and encourages adults to rediscover the joy of the sport.

Thank you deeply for the nomination. I grew up and started playing Hockey in Ealing, so being part of Ealing Hockey Club was the best place to pass on my passion and give back to the community. I strongly believe that all aspects of Hockey provides' the girls with essential life skills, positive outcomes whatever the result and enjoyment through participation. A special thanks to my wife for allowing me to spend so much time at the pitch and home on all things Hockey. Although I have recently left the Country and Club to work abroad, I continue to give back as much as I can to the Ealing Hockey Club and the girls.



SIMONE ASQUITH ACTON EALING WHISTLERS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Committed • Caring • Inclusive

Simone continues to be indispensable, on the side-lines, supporting her sons, to the club's committee as Club Welfare Officer. She runs the club's kitchen and has pushed hard for the club to offer Disability football and this season she made this happen. Visiting teams often comment about the club's friendly and inclusive atmosphere – an ethos Simone instils in all. Simone has also organised foodbank collections, a football boot recycling scheme and ensures the club gets involved with County FA diversity and inclusion activities. Thank you, Simone, for ensuring Whistlers is an inclusive, caring, supportive and family friendly football club.

What a lovely surprise to even be nominated, let alone shortlisted for Adult Volunteer of the Year at the 2025 Ealing Sports Awards. It has been an honour and privilege volunteering at AEWFC, an amazingly inclusive and community thriving youth football club. There is nothing more fulfilling in life than volunteering in your community! You get the opportunity to meet and make new lifelong friends along the way.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



EIRA GRIFFITHS ACTONIANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Inspiration • Dedicated • Resilient

Eira has made a lasting and meaningful impact at the club; after starting as a Wildcat herself, she's grown through the ranks to become a Reserves team player and now a valued coach. When a long-term injury prevented her from playing this season, she didn't step away – instead, she stepped up. Eira took the initiative to restart the Wildcats programme, creating a vital entry point for young girls aged 5–11 to get involved in football. Her sessions are now a highlight of the week for many local families. Through her energy, patience, and enthusiasm, Eira has created a welcoming, fun, and supportive environment where girls can build confidence, learn new skills, and fall in love with the game. She's a positive role model for every player and her leadership, has made her an integral part of the club's future. Thanks to her contribution, Actonians Girls is not just growing – it's thriving.

I'm delighted to be shortlisted for doing something I love. With women's football growing so quickly, it's more important than ever to have female role models and I'm proud to play a part in inspiring the next generation of girls in the game



ELLIE GWYTHER ELLEN WILKINSON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Organised • Reliable • Role Model

Ellie consistently demonstrates the values and attributes we aim to celebrate. As a dedicated Level 3 Sports Leader, Ellie leads both the school football and volleyball clubs each week, showing exceptional reliability and organisation. Ellie is passionate about sport and uses her role to inspire others. She acts as a positive role model, especially to younger athletes, by encouraging participation and fostering a supportive environment. Her kindness and eagerness to help others grow in confidence and skill make her approachable and well-respected among her peers. Ellie has also taken the lead in organising primary school sports events, where her communication skills and proactive attitude have shone through. Ellie embodies the qualities of an exceptional sports volunteer; she is passionate, dependable, organised, and kind.

I am beyond excited to be shortlisted for this award to have an opportunity to be able to be recognised for my commitment and dedication within the community.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



HARVEY SPENCER-HOTTON POWERDAY HOOKS BOXING ABC

Determined • Hardworking • Enthusiast

Harvey is an exceptional young man, despite having acute dyslexia and functional disconnection syndrome and being cross lateral, that is he is left footed and right handed, which creates brain functional difficulties, all of which, amazingly, Harvey takes in his stride. Besides training in and boxing for the club, Harvey has gone on and passed coaching courses, he not only helps, Head Coach and Club Leader, Steve Newland, with the nursery class, but often runs the nursery classes for Steve. Harvey has 100% commitment to everything he does, he never gives in, no matter how difficult he is finding a task he's undertaken. He is always polite, respectful and tries to do the right thing and is an important and very popular member of the club - Harvey is a remarkable young man.

I'm very proud and honoured, that Ealing Council have shortlisted me for their 2025, Junior Volunteer of the Year, this has given me extra encouragement to pass more courses, to become as good a volunteer as I can possibly be. Thank you Ealing and my boxing club, Powerday Hooks, for considering me for the award.



LYDIA BURTON LONDON PULSE BASKETBALL CLUB

Vibrant • Caring • Diligent

Lydia supports and plays for London Pulse and makes a dramatic impact as a Young Sports Leader coaching in our Under 10's and Under 12s sessions each week. She leads our youngest players, 6 to 8 year olds - taking them through skills, drills and games. Her support is not understated here, as this age group has grown with her help from our smallest programme to now our largest community session. Lydia is also a trained table official for the National League, runs our Instagram, photography and now will be running our website as well! Lydia is an active player too - leading the charge in growing our Girls Programme, and recently helped drive the desire to build a girls schools tournament, in which she participated in as a player. She of course also helped officiate on the day!

I'm truly honoured and grateful to be nominated for this award. Volunteering with London Pulse has been such a joy—thank you to the coaches for the amazing opportunity and continued support. It's a real privilege to be part of such a wonderful community.

SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



ACTONIANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Empowering • Independent • Ambitious

Actonians WFC is a standout example of what a grassroots football club should be: empowering, inclusive, and ambitious. Run independently and led by women for women and girls, Actonians is not affiliated with any men's or professional team — making their success and impact all the more impressive. The club provides a complete football pathway, starting with girls from age 5, nurturing their love of the game through a full youth system up to age 18 with the 1st team playing in Tier 4 of the Women's National League. What makes Actonians truly special is the atmosphere it creates: a close-knit, values-driven club where every player is seen, supported, and inspired. It's a place where girls grow in confidence, where women continue their playing journey at a high level, and where coaches and volunteers — many of them women — build a community with football at its heart.

We are very proud to be shortlisted for this award! Our aim is to provide all females with playing opportunities and we're delighted to be recognised as doing that successfully.



EALING CRICKET CLUB

Innovative • Inclusive • Successful

Ealing CC boasts over 700 members; 29 junior teams and 8 senior Men's and Women's teams. A new trustee structure aims to enhance Senior, Junior, Women and Girls Cricket, as well as Grounds and Social Media, fostering inclusivity and community engagement. A member survey prompted system changes, including Welcome Days for meeting Trustees and Staff and training for dedicated Parent volunteers. We introduced clear pathways for all starting from age 5 and a mentoring system to transition juniors to senior cricket. We also appointed a specific Trustee to develop Women's and Girls' cricket. The Senior 1st XI won the Premier League and the Juniors won the Victor Ludorum Cup for the highest achieving club in Middlesex junior cricket.

We're proud that our Cricket Club has been shortlisted for the Sports Club of the Year Award! This recognition reflects the hard work of everyone involved — from our players and coaches to our amazing volunteers. Alongside strong performances in League and Cup competitions, we continue to provide opportunities for cricketers of all ages and abilities to thrive.

SPORTS CLUB OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



EALING JUDO CLUB

Inclusion • Support • Thriving

When you first walk into Ealing Judo Club beginners' class the impression is that of a vibrant, well managed, local sports club... and then the magic starts to emerge. It doesn't take long to realise this is somewhere very special. It's not just the fact that the coaches are superb in their skill and instruction, that they somehow manage to corral, motivate and maintain order in a room of children bursting with afterschool energy, but it's that they, seemingly impossibly, make every child feel they are receiving individual attention. It is more than a club, it is a community of social, ethnic and academic inclusivity; boys train with girls on an equal footing at all levels under the guidance of strong, wise male and female role models. Ealing Judo Club may or may not be coaching more future Olympians, time will tell, but without doubt it is coaching responsible, caring and confident citizens of the future and everyone's invited.

Ealing Judo Club is a big family; 30 languages, visitors from all over the world and a progressive, fun way of working for people of every age and level. Ealing's awards recognise our inclusivity and community ethos. That's great for all of us.



GREENFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Inclusive • Caring • Fun

This grass roots inclusive club embodies passion, dedication, and community spirit, and nurtures young talent from diverse backgrounds and fosters a welcoming and inclusive environment for individuals who simply love the game. The club regularly organises football camps, charity events, and outreach programmes, encouraging participation from underrepresented groups - including women's football and disability-inclusive initiatives. What makes the club truly special is their dedication to nurturing not just football talent, but also character and confidence. They go beyond training and matchdays, encouraging values such as teamwork, respect, and discipline, while making sure that every child feels supported regardless of their skill level or background

As a newly made grassroots club, we pride ourselves on creating a family first atmosphere and allowing everyone around us to develop at their own pace in line with our values. To be shortlisted for 'Sports Club of the Year' highlights the tremendous efforts of all the staff, players and parents at Greenford Town Football Club, we thank you!

JUNIOR SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



JASPREET GILL WATER POLO

Hardworking • Diligent • Humble

Jaspreet is an exceptional young Water Polo athlete, a passionate powerhouse, who plays for Ealing Sharks and West London Penguins Club, as well as at Notting Hill and Ealing High School. Jaspreet has played countless tournaments abroad and is a member of the Team GB U18 Junior Women's Squad and represented England at the U18 European Championships, where the team finished 1st. Jaspreet is a fantastic team player and great role model with exceptional skills in a variety of other sports - Swimming, Netball and Cricket. She is destined to succeed in whatever she chooses to do!

I am very grateful to be shortlisted for the Junior Sports Person of the Year Award. I feel extremely honoured and motivated to continue following my passion for Sports. I have always believed in working hard and in following my goals in life. I would like to use this opportunity to encourage young athletes to participate in sports, through the ups and downs, and to believe in themselves to make their dreams come true.



MANPREET GILL WATER POLO

High achiever • Determined • Hardworking

Manpreet plays Netball, Cricket and Waterpolo at Notting Hill and Ealing High School but water polo is her passion; she plays at Ealing Sharks and West London Penguins Club and represents London and Middlesex. Manpreet has quickly progressed, displaying great skill and understanding of the game beyond her age; she is in the National Talent Pathway Programme and was recently selected for the Denmark U15 National Water Polo Boys' Team. Denmark doesn't have a girls' team for this age group but felt that she would thrive with the boys - this is a big compliment, as the boys are very tough! The list of Manpreet's achievements is endless and with her passion, determination, commitment and dedication, she has proved she is a strong sports person that wants to leave her mark.

I am very honoured and grateful to be nominated for this award. Sports have always been a massive part of my life and have taught me valuable life skills lessons that I can apply throughout my life. I would like to promote the importance of staying active and having a passion. If this can inspire anyone, that will be a huge win for me.

JUNIOR SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



MEHREEN TAIMUR CYCLING

Fearless • Ambitious • Exceptional

Mehreen is a remarkable young athlete, training with Velo Club Londres, she has proven herself as a talented and fearless competitor with an unwavering ambition to succeed. This year, Mehreen secured 1st place overall in the older age category of the Ice Breaker Series. Her drive and competitive spirit have continued to shine, she recently won a National Track Omnium – a testament to her versatility and excellence across disciplines. In the Netherlands, she participated in a challenging five-day race and despite crashing, showed remarkable resilience to finish 3rd overall. This display of grit under pressure is just one example of her fearless attitude and determination to push through adversity

I'm genuinely honoured to be shortlisted for the Junior Sports Person of the Year at the 2025 Ealing Sports Awards. It's such a special moment for me, and I'm incredibly grateful for the recognition. Being nominated means a great deal, not just to me, but also to everyone who's supported and encouraged me along the way — my family, coaches, teammates, and community.



PRABSEERAT KAUR CRICKET

Talented • Dedicated • Inclusive

Prabseerat's journey is nothing short of inspirational. A shining star in Middlesex County's under-14 and under-15 age group cricket, she has been making waves since joining London Tigers at just 10 years old. Her remarkable talent, determination, and leadership have not only elevated her personal success but also transformed the cricketing landscape, especially within the South Asian community in Southall. From a young age, Prabseerat has shown extraordinary skill and resilience, breaking barriers by playing alongside boys at London Tigers. Undeterred by challenges, she has led with confidence and grace, proving that cricket knows no gender boundaries. Prabseerat's success story has become a beacon of hope and motivation, encouraging more girls from South Asian backgrounds to step onto the cricket field. She is a role model, a trailblazer, and a symbol of empowerment for young girls.

I'm truly honoured and excited to be shortlisted— it's an amazing feeling to have my hard work and passion for sport recognised around Ealing.

INCLUSIVE AND ACTIVE AWARD SHORTLIST



BRENT VALLEY GOLF ACADEMY

Ground-breaking • Fun • Accessible

Golf is not a sport provided by our local state schools and we know there are significant barriers to children who do not have family members or friends who also play golf trying out the sport; so the Academy, which is a registered charity, provides all the equipment the children need and twenty 2-hour sessions with a professional coach over 6 months, all for free. We recruit from less affluent areas - this year, 8 boys and 8 girls. Children on previous programmes have gone on to become volunteers for us and many of them play golf regularly alongside other children and adults. One of the children on the first programme, Josh Wilson, is now a trustee of the charity.

All the trustees, volunteers and supporters of Brent Valley Golf Academy are thrilled to have been short-listed for this award. It's lovely to be recognised for the work we're doing even though running the project has given us all a lot of satisfaction. And it's really great that the Council sees golfing projects really benefitting our local communities. We hope your recognition of the project points other golf clubs in a similar direction.

EASTMEAD GP SURGERY

Inspired • Inclusive • Patient-focused

We set up a walking group for our patients in July 2024. It was to combat social isolation, a way for people to interact and also to get fit! It has been successful and we now have patients coming from across the 7 GP Practices that make up Greenwell PCN in Greenford Ealing. Every Tuesday morning at 11.00am the walk takes place through Ravenor Park in Greenford. People walk at their own pace and complete a full or half lap. For some of our patients this is the only time they meet other people and get outside. Friendships have been made and some exercise completed that many wouldn't have done previously. On the back of this success a coffee morning twice a month is now held at Hanwell Community Centre run by the PCN which many of the walkers attend.

We are honoured to be short listed for this award. We work hard with our patient groups to enable and encourage them to socialise and exercise. We are focussed on health equity; we have a diverse demographic of patients and wish for all to be able to access the activities available in Ealing.

INCLUSIVE AND ACTIVE AWARD SHORTLIST



GREENFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Inclusive • Safe Space • Happy

Championing Inclusivity in Football, Greenford Town FC believes that football is for everyone, and they have taken meaningful steps to ensure that young players with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have equal opportunities to participate, train, and compete alongside their peers. The club's coaching staff has gone above and beyond to ensure that every player, regardless of ability, feels valued and included, which has enabled SEND athletes to develop confidence, build friendships, and thrive within a team setting.

At Greenford Town, we believe in developing together, we believe in SEN and we all thoroughly believe all kids should be included. At the back end of 2024, we decided to branch out our services into the SEN sector and are extremely proud to confirm we have SEN children in some of our youth teams. Being Inclusive and Active, especially at this current time is very very important for the kids and here at GTFC, we want everyone to feel included, to have fun and to grow together!



KULDIP GILL LETS GO SOUTHALL

Kind • Inspirational • Passionate

Kuldip is devoted to providing training for all ages, he uses a hand bike to lead inclusive cycling sessions, breaking down barriers; he's inspirational and a great role model, ensuring no one feels excluded from the joy of movement. Beyond cycling, he's a regular Southall Park Run and Let's go Southall volunteer and champions a world where health, accessibility and belonging go hand in hand. Kuldip is inspirational and has made a tremendous difference to countless people in their bid to get fit and active.

I am very grateful to have been nominated for this award. Due to a life changing event My life changed 8yrs ago. Rather than give up I looked for opportunities to help me achieve a fulfilling life. My journey so far with "Let's go Southall" and "Southall Park" has really helped me achieve my personal goals but more so help the local community get more active and make a difference to their wellbeing. We never know what's around the corner in life but with the right support we can all make a difference.

ADULT SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



JOHN FIELDING ATHLETICS

Resilient • Talented • Inspiring

Growing up in Ealing, John has represented the borough at a national level and has competed numerous times for Middlesex; he won the Ealing Half Marathon in 2022 and 2024 all whilst living with ulcerative colitis since he was 14. At 18 with continual symptoms, he was forced to give up running and it wasn't until at university, a new medication started to improve things. Back in Ealing, 2023 and the symptoms came back and the past 2 years have seen John back and forth to hospital due to medication no longer working. John continues to train, 60 miles per week and won the 2 Ealing Half Marathons despite the continual struggle with health and working fulltime. John encourages younger athletes and will often adjust his session, so a younger athlete gets to push himself. John is one of the most down to earth people you'll meet.

I am so pleased to have been nominated for this award. I hope to inspire others that with hard work and determination you can succeed at anything you put your mind to.



TOM CURTIS HOCKEY

**Community-focused • Inspirational
• Supportive**

Tom is exceptional, his sporting achievements at national level are mirrored by his unwavering dedication to Ealing Hockey Club. Since joining the club at its inception in 2013, Tom has developed into a formidable field hockey goalkeeper, proudly representing the U.S. Men's National Team (since June 2024) ahead of the 2026 Olympics. His ascent to the international stage is a clear indication of his exceptional talent and relentless pursuit of excellence, he played a key role in the team's fourth-place finish at the 2024 Junior Pan American Championship. Simultaneously, Tom regularly umpires and coaches, demonstrating a remarkable dedication to nurturing future talent and contributing to the club's ongoing success. Tom's journey exemplifies how sporting excellence and community spirit can go hand in hand.

I am so thankful to have been nominated for this award. Playing and coaching at Ealing has taught me so much throughout my journey and I couldn't have got where I am without them.

ADULT SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



ZOE LACOUR HANDBALL

Dedicated • Talented • Resolute

Zoe has made a significant impact on sport in Ealing, inspiring others through her dedication and achievements since being part of the Ealing team winning the London Youth Games Handball gold back in 2017 to Olympic qualification. Zoe is now one of the top players in the Premier league, actively mentor's younger players, helping them develop their skills and confidence, and has participated in community outreach programmes, promoting the sport. Zoe has played at GB U17 and U19 levels and with the GB senior team in the European qualification tournament. She was part of the first GB women's team to play in the Olympic qualification tournament as part of the Paris 2024 Olympics. Zoe embodies the spirit of handball.

I'm honoured to be shortlisted for adult sportsperson of the year. This year brought the exciting opportunity of competing in the Paris 2024 Olympic Qualifiers, returning to my home club in the Premier Handball League and achieving 2nd best team in Great Britain with the challenge of managing a long-term injury.

JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



EALING FIELDS GIRLS NFL FLAG TEAM

**Determination • Competitiveness
• Empowerment**

This inspiring group provides a friendly and welcoming environment for girls of all backgrounds; through inclusive coaching and strong peer support, players grow in skill, confidence, and teamwork. The club proudly fields four teams, significantly increasing opportunities for all students to get active. Their efforts have helped raise the profile of girls' sport in the borough and provided a pathway into physical activity for many first-time players. Sporting success has followed and the team are back-to-back Girls Jets NFL Flag Champions (2023 and 2024) and proudly represented Great Britain at the 2024 European NFL Flag School Games, competing against top teams from Spain, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy. We have two players that have played for GB U14s in 2024 and have 6 players trialling for the same team in 2025.

We are incredibly proud to be recognised and shortlisted—this nomination celebrates the passion and dedication of every student in our club



GREENFORD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Inclusive • Creative • Joyful

As a club that embodies passion, dedication, and community spirit, Greenford Town FC has had a profound impact on local football and the wider Ealing community. The club has been instrumental in providing opportunities for players of all ages and abilities to participate in football, always going the extra mile for their players and their parents, they teach youngsters the right habits but above all else, they are consistent, trustworthy and extremely passionate for the players, parents and the surrounding area. This club is truly like family.

Last year, we were lucky enough to be shortlisted with our 1st ever junior team and this year we now have 4! A lot of our players started in from our community sessions in Greenford, believed in our project and where we wanted to go and now, we have a girls' team who are unbeaten champions of the Middlesex Youth Girls League AND County Cup Champions. Our youngest team, the Under 8s also won their county cup. To bring joy to kids and parents in priceless and we will carry on doing just that

JUNIOR CLUB OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



OLD ACTONIANS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcoming • Encouraging • Supportive

For over 20 years the Club has been at the heart of grassroots football offering a safe, fun, and inclusive space for over 250 players from U7 to U18. The club creates a welcoming environment where every child belongs, no matter their background or ability. The club's success lies not in trophies, but in its values. It offers a wonderful sense of community spirit, bringing together children, families, and coaches with a shared love of sport. Through fun, structured training, the focus is on teamwork, communication, resilience, and sportsmanship. These aren't just football skills—they're life skills. It's a place where children flourish in a supportive, disciplined, and joyful environment. Whether it's celebrating together after a match or helping each other during training, the players walk away with more than just a football experience—they walk away smiling.

We're absolutely thrilled and honoured that OAYFC has been nominated for Junior Club of the Year — a fantastic recognition of our incredible players, dedicated coaches and amazing community spirit!

WEST LONDON EAGLES HANDBALL CLUB

Inclusive • Fun • Progressive

The club has created a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive environment for everyone and is committed to effective partnerships, sustainable practices and impactful youth engagement. This year the club has expanded to include U12 and U10 age groups, in addition to their existing U14, U16, and U19s, providing more opportunities for younger children to get involved in the sport. All the junior teams qualified for the national finals and the club is proud to be the largest contributor of players to the London Regional Academy, providing a pathway for players to represent Great Britain. This year those players have excelled at the European Championships, with several playing at U18 and U20 levels and several other girls are set to play at U17 and U19 levels later this year; plus, Zoe Lacour, women's team captain, represented Great Britain in the 2024 Olympic qualifying tournament.

We're honoured that our junior section has been shortlisted for Junior Club of the Year—recognition of our players' passion, coaches' dedication, and community spirit.

COACH OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



CHETAN LADWA OLD ACTONIANS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Inspiring • Inclusive • Innovative

When Chetan signed up his son to play at the U8 level, he didn't just join a team—he saved it. With only five players and no full-time coach, the team was on the verge of folding. Chetan immediately became the parent rep and quickly qualified as an FA coach to step in and lead. Four seasons later, the team has grown into a thriving football community, nearly 30 players, two full squads, four coaches, and even a waiting list. Chet has strong leadership skills and inspires confidence, motivating players and creating a positive team culture. The kids love him - he is dedicated, firm and fun. His focus isn't just on football skills, but on helping boys grow as teammates and individuals. Parents consistently praise the environment he's created—where negativity is shut down quickly, teamwork is celebrated and every child gets the chance to shine.

I'm humbled to be shortlisted for this award and to represent all of the wonderful coaches and volunteers we have at Old Actonians Youth FC. We love what we do!



DAMIAN HANNON LONDON PULSE BASKETBALL CLUB

Passionate • Determined • Creative

Damian's dedication, kindness and leadership make him an invaluable asset to The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls, Pulse Basketball Club and the wider community. Through his hard work and passion, he has provided opportunities for many girls to engage with the sport; he has revitalised interest in girls' basketball by organising the Ealing Borough Girls Basketball Tournaments. His ability to unite schools and create a positive atmosphere for girls' basketball has been pivotal in increasing participation and visibility of the sport. Through his inclusive approach, Damian ensures that everyone, regardless of ability, feels welcome and supported, allowing students to make lasting friendships while developing a deeper connection with the sport.

Thank you to those that nominated me for this award, it's such an honour to be in this group in our incredible borough. I'm grateful to the young people that I work with, they are who motivate me and drive me to keep serving them the best I can. Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers and coaches that support myself and our organisation London Pulse.

COACH OF THE YEAR SHORTLIST



JO CROWLEY EALING JUDO CLUB

Inspirational • Unstoppable • Selfless

In 2003 Jo established Ealing Judo Club with 15 members, since then, she has worked tirelessly to realise her ambitions, producing 67 blackbelts and over 300 British national medallists along the way. Currently Jo coaches 11 judokas on the England and GB National Squads, 3 British Champions, 2 British number 1's, a 3 time Veteran World Champion, a Commonwealth Games Champion, World Medallist and Olympian. Aside from this elite competitive success, in the last year Jo has earned her 5th Dan black belt, helped increase the club's qualified coaching force from 3 to 10 and opened a second club venue to add another night of judo for everyone in the community, bringing in more beginners and offering more opportunities, plus helped organise Ealing's London Youth Games team. Jo is a UKCC level 5 coach and has a master's degree in sports coaching, she is an inspiring female role model and the head coach of one of the most successful judo clubs in the country.

I'm happy to be nominated for this award as it means our athletes are happy and progressing with their programme and that's what it's all about.



JOHN WOTHERSPOON LONDON FALCONS TRAMPOLINE CLUB

**Encouraging • Inspirational
• Compassionate**

John always places the athletes first, prioritizing their development, well-being, and growth in the sport, he consistently exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated, encouraging and supportive leader. His approach to coaching fosters an environment where every individual feels valued and empowered to achieve their personal best. John's commitment to the wider trampolining community is evident through his organisation of the Ealing Borough Schools Trampolining Competition; his support with trampolining curriculums in local schools and assisting GCSE students with their practical performances. John's positive attitude and empathetic approach ensure that every athlete, regardless of their background or ability, feels supported and encouraged; he is an invaluable asset to the club and the community.

Coaching, at its best, is social education through sport by creating opportunities, fostering connection, and nurturing the human spirit. This is what the community of Ealing coaches, me included, strive to achieve. I feel honoured being shortlisted for Coach of the Year at the Ealing Sports Awards and to be part of the Ealing coaching community.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT SHORTLIST



JOHN TAYLOR MIDDLESEX FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Pioneering • Visionary • Leadership

John tragically passed away unexpectedly in March 2025 after more than 34 years' service to grassroots football. Since 1991, John dedicated himself to Middlesex Football Association, firstly as the Competitions Committee Secretary and later the Competitions Director. In 1994, he joined the Council of Middlesex, contributing his wisdom and passion to numerous committees. In 1998, John laid the foundation for MFA's inaugural Women's Football Committee, serving as its first Chair - a role that showcased his visionary commitment to the sport. In 2011, John was elected as Chair of Council and the Board, leading MFA with both heart and professionalism. Under his guidance, MFA moved to Rectory Park Football Centre a thriving football venue in Northolt and launched the new Grassroots Football Strategy for the County. In recent years, he also made a substantial contribution to The FA Council, The FA National Game Board and The FA Women's Board. John's incredible legacy are the thousands of people enjoying grass roots football across Ealing, Middlesex and the whole country.

I and all the family are extremely honoured that John has been shortlisted for the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award. It shows us how highly regarded and respected John was in the Football Community.



LAWRENCE CURRAN OLD ACTONIANS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

Inclusive • Supportive • Fun

In 2006, Lawrence and some other south Ealing parents reached the end of their tether with their sons' football club, fed up with the chaos, Lawrence decided to set up a new club and Old Actonians Youth FC was formed. Starting with 4 teams and around 50 players, the club had a simple vision, to be a 'football for all club', a home for children of all levels of ability. Lawrence also insisted on only allowing qualified coaches to teach the children. OAYFC, has gone from strength to strength, and now has over 200 players in teams ranging from U7 to U18 plus 12 qualified coaches. Lawrence has managed to maintain a pipeline of committed volunteer parents to keep the club running smoothly, elevated the importance of safeguarding and first aid across the club and has a house filled with kits, balls, medicine bags and whistles. Lawrence represents the best of the volunteering spirit that sustains sport in Ealing.

After 19 years effort of providing football opportunity to our community's kids, we got teams in all age groups by 2018 with volunteers aiding me. It is nice to be recognised.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT SHORTLIST



LINDA FOX ACTONIANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Dedicated • Inspirational • Trailblazing

Since founding the club in 1998, Linda has dedicated herself to growing and sustaining this independent community football club for women and girls. The club's first team now competes at Tier 4 of the Women's National League – a rare achievement for a club with no ties to a professional men's side. Linda has created a safe, welcoming environment for hundreds of women and girls to enjoy football, grow in confidence and develop lifelong skills both on and off the pitch. Linda's impact on local sport is extraordinary, she is the heart of Actonians.

I am absolutely delighted and honoured to be shortlisted for this award. It has been a joy to oversee the growth of the club over the years as well as women's football in general. I'd especially like to thank all the club volunteers I have worked with; nothing could have been achieved without them. And of course, all the lovely players, parents and supporters that I have had the pleasure of meeting. Thanks to all our members for putting their trust in me and hopefully we will carry on our good work together for many years to come.



STEVE NEWLAND POWERDAY HOOKS BOXING ABC

Knowledgeable • Dedicated • Successful

Steve is the club's founder and volunteer Head Coach and has been training amateur for over 40 years, producing close on 100 National Champions, including Olympic gold medallist James DeGale. Producing Champions gets publicity, but pales against the number of people who have found their way in life and the vast number of people who have become a credit to society in general through the influence of Steve, who epitomises all that's good about a boxing club and disciplined, community sport. Steve was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Cancer but carried on running the club by phone throughout his treatment and now is miraculously back at the club, 6 days a week, doing what Steve does, producing champions as well as helping people find their useful place in life. Steve Newlands are very rare on the ground, when you find a Steve Newland treasure him.

Thank you for my nomination and thanks to the many boxers I've trained, their parents, my family, people I've met who've supported me and the effort and dedication of the boxers, so many years of enjoyable success wouldn't have been possible.

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