



2016

LINCOLNSHIRE FA
AWARDS
EVENING

THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST 2016

LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE EPIC CENTRE FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENING.

Tonight we recognise and reward Lincolnshire's grassroots heroes; clubs, leagues, referees and volunteers who make football happen within the county. The awards that will be presented tonight will range from two categories;

- McDonalds Community Awards
- Lincolnshire FA Referee Awards

On behalf of the Lincolnshire FA I would like to thank you for all your hard work, dedication and countless hours you put in developing football in Lincolnshire. Quite simply without you football would not happen. Your time, commitment and passion enables Lincolnshire FA to make the award evening an annual event and a night football in Lincolnshire can be extremely proud of.

I hope you enjoy your evening and we look forward to working with you during the 2016/17 season.

FA CHARTER STANDARD
CLUB OF THE YEAR



FA CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY
CLUB OF THE YEAR



FA CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE
OF THE YEAR



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

FA CHARTER STANDARD CLUB OF THE YEAR
CROWLAND J.F.C



Since falling to only 3 teams in the club and a re-forming committee, Crowland J.F.C. have had a steady rise in number of teams and coaches in the past 3 years. The club now possess teams at every age group through mini-soccer to adult football. They consistently meet FA Charter Standard requirements, completing their annual health check within the allotted time. The club are also on the forefront of player development, working closely with the league participating in their weekly Futsal 5's league.

FA CHARTER STANDARD COMMUNITY CLUB OF THE YEAR
SLEAFORD TOWN J.F.C.



Sleaford Town J.F.C. provides opportunities for all to play football. From their 'mini-greens' on a Saturday morning, through to their First Team that compete in the United Counties Football League and their Ladies First Team. They provide unique training opportunities for goalkeepers, whilst also providing CPD opportunities for volunteer coaches and young coaches. They have a bespoke Coaches for Tomorrow Programme which has been integrated into a 'Leadership Academy' working with local schools and community project groups to support and deliver club objectives whilst also providing young volunteers with hands-on experience. The club have a clear vision and mission statement 'One Goal, One Club', with the club's holistic approach they have produced a developmental environment for all to thrive in.

FA CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE OF THE YEAR
ONYX TEAMWEAR GRANTHAM YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.



Well known to the FA Community Awards, Onyx Teamwear Grantham Youth Football League is back for the 3rd time. The league consistently deliver a high quality programme for all its clubs, coaches and volunteers. An innovative player-centric approach is central to their success, encouraging growth in participation whilst ensuring a safe and fun environment is paramount. In recent seasons the league has seen the introduction of the Futsal provision, whilst also delivering an annual CPD conference for all its members. The league is extremely pro-active in its partnership working with local facilities to host central venue trophy events and bespoke coach education courses.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
STEVE ALTOFT



'Mr Bottesford', Steve has given countless hours to Bottesford Town F.C. over the past 20 years. Steve has done several roles from 1st team manager, Chairman, Treasurer plus many more and is currently Secretary for the club, one of the largest FA Charter Standard Community Clubs in Lincolnshire. Steve has no children linking him to Bottesford Town Football Club yet his love for the game and the club have seen Bottesford strive forward in every way possible. Steve's ultimate goal is to see local players come through the club from mini-soccer right through to the first team. Under Steve's leadership the club are now thriving in both community spirit and standards, in the words of Steve's nominator 'A true pillar of the community and a proper football man'.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

JACK HARRISON

In 1988 Jack was instrumental in the formation of the Grimsby, Cleethorpes and District Sunday Football League Benevolent Fund, a fund which supports players who are injured whilst playing football and lose income due to incapability to work. Following a serious injury to a player in 1987 which resulted in the player unfortunately having to undergo an amputation, the league committee decided that something needed to be in place for players, referees and assistants that go injured whilst participating in their league. Jack, club secretary of Tetney Rovers at the time volunteered his experience to support the set-up of the league fund. After the set-up of the fund, Jack became the Benevolent Fund secretary and worked tirelessly to support injured players and their entitlement through their claim. This often resulted in travelling around Grimsby and the local districts to sit with injured players and club officials at their home, explaining the processes and supporting with administrative tasks.

Jack is an extremely kind and caring individual who takes the time to listen to individuals and their needs and goes that extra mile to accustom them. To date Jack's hard-work and caring attitude has supported 1149 successful claims for players who have been injured whilst playing football, securing a total of £176,319 to injured claimants.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO REFEREEING



YOUNG REFEREE AWARD
(18-25 YEARS)



MALE REFEREE AWARD



WOMEN REFEREE AWARD



CONTRIBUTION TO REFEREEING
REFEREE DEVELOPMENT SETTING



FA NATIONAL RESPECT AWARD WINNERS

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO REFEREEING
IAN STEPHENSON



Ian has been one of the main focal points of Refereeing in Lincoln for the past 30 years. Few Referees manage to be consistently popular with Players and Managers the way he has with his ready wit and personable style. After many years Officiating in the Semi Professional game it was his affinity with the Lincoln Sunday game that he is best known for. Regularly winning the Referee of the Year Award he took on the onerous task of Referee Selector. He has helped countless Referees through their first tentative steps into adult football and has devoted countless hours to the grassroots game. He has now moved on to be secretary of the League and it is only right that his contribution to Refereeing in Lincolnshire is marked in this way.

YOUNG REFEREE AWARD (18-25 YEARS)
ASHLEY BALDOCK-SMITH



Ashley Refereed his first adult Cup Final at the tender age of 16 after a notable first season in the Peterborough League which also saw him win the Young Referee of the Year Award. His potential has been recognised nationally after securing a place in the Eastern Region Centre of Referee Excellence – CORE. At just 18 he has just been voted joint Referee of the Year Award in the Peterborough League. He has already represented Lincolnshire on two County Finals he is deservedly the Young Referee of the Year.

MALE REFEREE AWARD
ALISTAIR WILSON



Alistair has been Officiating in the Semi Professional game for the past 10 years but in the last two years he has truly come of age. A Level 3 Referee he has developed into one of the most reliable and consistent Officials in the County and his excellent season saw him rewarded with a National Play Off Semi Final at Royston. Off the pitch he is Chairman of Boston RA as well as a County Assessor. For his all round contribution to Refereeing in Lincolnshire he is rightly the Referee of the Year.

WOMEN REFEREE AWARD
CLAIRE WEST



Claire may be diminutive in stature but is a larger than life figure on the pitch. Her fitness and charisma mean she is a hugely respected figure on the Local Leagues in Scunthorpe and she is hoping to progress to Supply League Football next season. Her playing days now behind her Refereeing is the better for her taking up the whistle.

CONTRIBUTION TO REFEREEING - REFEREE DEVELOPMENT SETTING
GARY SUTTON



The only current Level 1 Referee in Lincolnshire you would imagine Gary would not have time to spare. The truth could not be more different as Gary devotes huge amounts of himself to helping other Referees within Lincolnshire. He has headed the County development Group for the past 3 years and during this time it is no coincidence Lincolnshire has seen a record number of promotions at almost every level. Always understated he is hugely respected by the Counties Referees and there could not be a more deserving winner of this award.

FA NATIONAL RESPECT AWARD WINNERS
BOSTON AND DISTRICT SATURDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE



At a time when Boston is regularly in the news regarding the influx of immigrants to the Town, The Boston and District Saturday Football League has been playing its part in their integration. Eastern European Football Club, made up entirely of foreign nationals, applied to enter the League for season 2014-15. The league have embraced the team and helped them evolve to become part of the league. The league committee sat with the club, working through the admin to join the league and 27 international clearance forms to submit to The FA allowing all the club's players to play within the league. Alongside the support around administration, the league committee worked with existing clubs, supporting Eastern European Football Club with 'mentor clubs' helping them integrate throughout the season. The Boston and District Saturday Football League signed up to The Football Association Respect Programme upon its inception in 2008, receiving it's Respect League Certificate in 2011, and winning a Silver Award in The FA Respect and Fair Play Awards 2012/13 for its work with the Respect Programme. The Boston and District Saturday Football League has around 1,400 players registered each season of which 3% were foreign nationals. However, with the advent of Eastern European Football Club the participation figure for foreign nationals has doubled to 6%. Our League feels that there must be other players in the foreign national community who want to play football and we are hopeful that through the successful integration of Eastern European Football Club that they will see that.



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