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### 2015 CORNWALL SPORTS AWARDS AND THE WINNERS ARE...

***Sports Volunteers from across the County have been recognised and rewarded at this year's Cornwall Sports Awards***

***Sponsored by AGAME Sports Ltd and Truro & Penwith College***

The annual event, held at The Headland Hotel in Newquay on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, welcomed over 220 of Cornwall's dedicated volunteers, sports coaches, officials, clubs, organisations and young leaders.

Organised by the Cornwall Sports Partnership, the event now in its tenth year pays tribute to our many volunteers from across the duchy who dedicate their time and efforts to support our strong sports community and inspiring the next sporting generation.

This year 19 awards were presented and the worthy winners are as follows:

**Children's Coach of the Year** - Matthew Trebilcock, Gyllyngvase SLSC

**Young Coach of the Year U25** - Matthew Robinson, Penzance AFC

**Community Coach of the Year** - Emmie Seward-Adams, Crantock SLSC

**Disability Coach of the Year** - Mark Stevens, Cornwall Cougars Wheelchair Basketball Club

**Coach of the Year 2015** - Emmie Seward-Adams, Crantock SLSC

**Official of the Year** - Iain Tucker, Cornwall FA

**Junior Club of the Year** - Liskeard Junior Badminton Club

**Adult Club of the Year** - Tamar Canoe Association

**Club of the Year 2015** - Tamar Canoe Association

**Sportivate Project of the Year** - Sportivate Mylor Sailability

**Sportivate Participant of the Year** - Jordan Edgecombe, St Mawgan FC & Kickivate

**Satellite Club of the Year** - Kernow Boccia Club

**Satellite Participant of the Year** - Hayden Knowles, Cornwall Cougars Basketball Club

**Community Participation Project of the Year** - Cornwall College

**Active Workplace of the Year** - Cornish Mutual

**Young Leader of the Year** - Georgia Higham, Budehaven Community School

**Community Volunteer of the Year U25** - Kerensa Lewis, Special Olympics Cornwall

**Community Volunteer of the Year** - Linda Brickell, Cornwall Squash & Racketball Association

**Lifetime Services to Sport** - Ann Nicholas, Penzance Netball Club

Following the launch of Sport England's This Girl Can Campaign earlier this year, the evening focused on 'Celebrating Women in Sport' here in Cornwall. Guests saw the inspiring This Girl Can video which has been viewed over 37 million times online as well as being shown on national television.

This campaign is extremely important here in Cornwall where we have 45% of men doing sport every week and only 26% of women. We really do need to prove that **CORNISH GIRLS CAN** and help drive female participation in Sport.

Cornwall Sports Awards organiser, Natasha Howard of the Cornwall Sports Partnership, says: "We are extremely proud to organise this event which recognises and rewards the many volunteers who give their time to encourage people to be more active and get involved in sport. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the event and we still find it amazing to hear about the time and energy our dedicated volunteers give to make sport happen in their local community. We would also like to say a big thank you to all those who took the time to nominate the volunteers."

A variety of companies and organisations support the event, including: Sport England, AGAME Sports Ltd, Truro & Penwith College, Health Promotion Service & Workplace Health, St Austell Printing Company, St Austell Conference Centre, This Girl Can, Miller Countrywide, Tempus Leisure, Arena , Penwith School Sport, Peninsula School Sport Partnership, Mid Cornwall Sports Network, Clockwork Audio

Systems, Devon & Cornwall Media, Lightbox Inc, The Headland Hotel, Pirate FM and Youth Sport Trust.

Adrian Noott from AGAME Sports Ltd, one of the main sponsors of this year's Cornwall Sports Awards said: "We're delighted to be involved with the Cornwall Sports Awards for the second year as a sponsor. Events like this are a fantastic way to celebrate sport in Cornwall and all the people that invest so much of their time into their chosen sport. As a Cornish company our values align perfectly with the ethos of the Awards and as such we are extremely proud to support the event. "

Emma Seward-Adams from Truro and Penwith College, another of the main sponsors said: "For over two decades Truro and Penwith College has been committed to educating and developing sports coaches, whether that be to deliver in the voluntary or professional sports sector. As coach educators we appreciate the time and dedication required to make a successful coach, and the patience, empathy and knowledge needed to ensure all athletes are provided with the best possible opportunities to develop. This is why we are delighted to once again be sponsoring the Coaching category of the Cornwall Sports Awards."

### **Want to nominate next year?**

**Nominations for the 2016 Cornwall Sports Awards will be opening Summer 2016!**

To see photographs and videos of the winners and event, visit the Cornwall Sports Partnership's website and Facebook page:

- [www.cornwallsportspartnership.co.uk](http://www.cornwallsportspartnership.co.uk)
- [www.facebook.com/cornwallsportspartnership](http://www.facebook.com/cornwallsportspartnership)



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**This Girl Can:**

This Girl Can is a national campaign developed by Sport England and a wide range of partnership organisations. It's a celebration of active women up and down the country who are doing their thing no matter how well they do it, how they look or even how red their face gets.

**Notes to editor:**

We have photographs of all of the 2015 Cornwall Sports Awards' winners – please contact Sarah Mageean if you would like to request any.

**Winners from West Cornwall:**

- Matthew Trebilcock from Gyllyngvase Surf Life Saving Club
- Matthew Robinson from Penzance AFC
- Sportivate Mylor Sailability
- Cornwall College
- Ann Nicholas from Penzance Netball Club

**Winners from Mid Cornwall:**

- Emmie Seward-Adams from Crantock Surf Life Saving Club
- Cornwall Cougars Wheelchair Basketball Club
- Jordan Edgecombe from St Mawgan FC & Kickivate
- Kernow Boccia Club
- Hayden Knowles from Cornwall Cougars Basketball Club
- Cornish Mutual
- Kerensa Lewis from Special Olympics Cornwall
- Linda Brickell from Cornwall Squash & Racketball Association

**Winners from East Cornwall:**

- Iain Tucker from Cornwall FA
- Tamar Canoe Association
- Liskeard Junior Badminton Club
- Georgia Higham from Budehaven Community School

**Quotes from winners:**

*Completely overwhelmed and thanks so much!*

*We are honoured to be part of a great community and this evening has made me feel even more inspired to do more to encourage people into sport.*

**Tracey Boyne – Sportivate Mylor Sailability  
Sportivate Project of the Year 2015**

*We are absolutely thrilled to win this award in recognition of so many volunteers, young leaders, parents, carers and young members who have supported us and made the club the success it is today. The club would like to say a big thank you to Steve Hillman for his fantastic support and to Rob Harrison who has been instrumental in the clubs success.*

*A Wonderful evening, truly inspirational and feel very privileged to be part of it.*

**Claire Reed – Liskeard Junior Basketball Club  
Club of the Year - Junior 2015**

*Absolutely incredible!*

*I feel completely honoured and indebt to those that took the time to nominate me – it means a huge amount. A big thank you to the organisers and also to the many others out*

there that do so much but haven't yet been nominated. What a fantastic evening, every year it just gets bigger and better and even more moving!

**Emmie Seward-Adams – Crantock Surf Life Saving Club  
Community Coach of the Year 2015 & Coach of the Year 2015**

A huge sense of value and recognition for what we do as a club and that sport of all kinds in Cornwall is an asset to the county. It was a pleasure to be amongst such a large group of people who put so much into the community.

**Rose Stuart – Tamar Canoe Association  
Club of the Year – Adult 2015 & Club of the Year 2015**

I feel privileged to win the award and would like to thank the person that nominated me. I've had a fantastic night with lots of laughs with friends watching others getting their awards.

**Hayden Knowles - Cornwall Cougars Wheelchair Basketball Club  
Satellite Participant of the Year 2015**

"We're delighted to have been named Active Workplace of the Year. I'd like to congratulate all our people, especially our Up For Fit team of volunteer staff, who do a huge amount to encourage other team members to get active through a whole range of initiatives."

**Cornish Mutual  
Active Workplace of the Year 2015**

It is lovely to be recognised for the years I have enjoyed coaching netball.  
I feel very smiley!!

**Ann Nicholas – Penzance Netball Club  
Lifetime Services to Sport 2015**

This is recognition for the hard work, effort and commitment the students have shown towards engaging in sport and physical activity. It was amazing to see the fantastic work that is happening in Cornwall and great way to celebrate this brilliant county - very humbling!

**Jamie Tresidder – Cornwall College  
Community Participation Project of the Year 2015 & Satellite Club of the Year 2015**

I felt very honoured to be selected as a nominee and to win I was gobsmacked. What I thought throughout was what a lot of hard working individuals we have within the County making sports available to everyone no matter of age, gender or ability.

A very great honour!  
**Iain Tucker – Cornwall FA  
Official of the Year 2015**

Winning a Cornwall Sports Award means the world to me and for my club. My experience of the evening is getting my award in front of all these people.  
Fantastic night!

**Matthew Robinson – Penzance AFC  
Young Coach of the Year – U25 2015**

It means a lot to get recognised for coaching and it gives our club some great notice for the work we do. Great evening and everyone is a worthy winner!

**Mark Stevens – Cornwall Cougars Wheelchair Basketball Club  
Disability Coach of the Year 2015**

Giving people recognition for noticing sport in Cornwall is wonderful.  
An amazing atmosphere and a lot of work has gone into it.  
Really great!

**Georgia Higham – Budehaven Community School  
Young Leader of the Year 2015**

Recognition for everything that our club does for the athletes is truly amazing.  
Brilliant atmosphere – beautiful location!

**Kerensa Lewis – Special Olympics Cornwall  
Community Volunteer of the Year - U25 2015**

I am humbled to see that our St Mawgan team have been recognised at the awards.  
Playing through exam season our little trips to obscure locations all over Clay Country brightened all of our Monday (and often Wednesday) evenings, which if anything allowed me to translate my confidence onto the field at right back. I'm glad that I can participate in a season with all of them with the performances and support they have enabled me to create in order to win this award.

It was amazing to see that I had won the award last night. A fantastic evening!

**Jordan Edgecombe – St Mawgan FC & Kickivate  
Sportivaye Participant of the Year 2015**