NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 8TH GET BERKSHIRE ACTIVE AWARDS

Berkshire’s Active Partnership have announced the opening of nominations for the 8th Get Berkshire Active Awards. With 12 awards on offer, nominations are open until Thursday 28th November 2019, with winners announced at Hilton Hotel, Reading on the 28th February 2020.

The Get Berkshire Active Awards are an amazing opportunity for local people, clubs and organisations to be recognised and celebrated for their achievements and commitment to sport and physical activity at all levels. The event celebrates excellence in sport as well as applauding the unseen work that goes on behind the scenes to make sport and physical activity happen.

There are also awards for the schools, community groups and workplaces who put physical activity and wellbeing at the forefront of their objectives. To highlight our work with young people this year Get Berkshire Active announce a new ‘Young Volunteer of the Year’ award to recognise the new generation who support events and help make Berkshire more active.

Brett Nicholls, CEO of Get Berkshire Active, said: “This is a special evening to say thank you to lots of brilliant people who give so much of their time to ensure sport and physical activity is available to everyone”.

The 8th Get Berkshire Active Award categories are:

1. Sports Personality of the Year
2. Junior Sports Personality of the Year
3. Active Workplace of the Year
4. Physical Activity for Health Award
5. (Adult) Volunteer of the Year
6. Coach of the Year
7. Community Club of the Year
8. Youth Engagement Project of the Year
9. Young Volunteer of the Year
10. Active School (Primary and Secondary) Award
11. Team Performance of the Year
12. Lifetime Achievement Award

To submit your nomination(s) go to the GBA Awards hub here.

The 8th GBA Awards is kindly supported by Sponsors acting locally in Berkshire as well as nationwide. The list of Sponsors includes, Field Seymour Parkes LLP, Hilton Hotel Reading, Everyone Active, Michael Burbridge Creative, Places Leisure and Berkshire Unitary Authorities. Information on sponsorship opportunities can be found here.

This year, for the first time in GBA Awards’ history, the charity will be working in collaboration with Park House School (Newbury) as the Awards’ Creative Partner. The school will help to create a special atmosphere for the shortlisted finalist, VIPs and guests. We are delighted to be working
together on this project, providing real-life work experience and an opportunity to test the students’ creative ideas whilst developing new skills and confidence.

Cllr Paul Lion, the Mayor of Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead said about the last year’s awards: "It was wonderful to hear of the fantastic achievements and to know there are indeed many people in Berkshire keeping active."

The panel will shortlist the nominees on the 4th December 2019.

Two award categories will be decided by public vote. Active School Awards (Primary and Secondary schools) and Community Club of the Year will be shortlisted down to a final three, and then the public will have their chance to vote for who they think is most deserving.

The awards are open to anybody who has a role in sport and physical activity and nominations are welcomed through the online nomination form. Further information and award criteria can be found at https://getberkshireactive.org/gba-awards-categories-criteria.

For more information on sponsorship opportunities please contact nick.west-oram@getberkshireactive.org.

**Notes to Editors**

**About Get Berkshire Active**

Get Berkshire Active is one of 43 Active Partnerships in England promoting the benefits of sport and physical activity.

Get Berkshire Active is a Charity and works with sporting and non-sporting partners across the County to increase the number of people of all ages and abilities taking part in sport and physical activity. GBA joined Crime Prevention programme in 2018 and run early intervention projects in some highly deprived Berkshire areas.

Find out more at www.getberkshireactive.org ‘like’ us on Facebook @GetBerkshireActive; or follow us on Twitter @GetBerksActive

**Get Berkshire Active Awards**

The Get Berkshire Active Awards celebrate sport and physical activity achievements over the last year. The awards go to people who have excelled in sporting achievement over the previous year, however more importantly to people who have made sport possible for others.

This could be a coach, volunteer, employer, teacher/school or any other organisation that makes sport and physical activity accessible and enjoyable.

This year will host 12 different award categories, and the event will take place on Friday 28th February 2020 at the Hilton Hotel, Reading. Click here to see all last year’s photos.

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