

## **Jeanette Chippington MBE announced as Guest of Honour for Get Berkshire Active Awards**

Paralympic swimmer and Paracanoeist Jeanette Chippington MBE, has been announced as the Guest of Honour for this year's Get Berkshire Active Awards. Local athlete Jeanette will lead the celebration of Berkshire's physical activity and sports awards' winners on Friday February 15, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in Reading.

Jeanette represented Great Britain as a swimmer at five consecutive Summer Paralympics winning a total of 12 medals, including 2 Gold. She also set world records in the 100m freestyle S6 class and the 4 x 50m women's freestyle relay. The Athens' Paralympics 2004 was Jeanette's last Games as a swimmer, as she then made a remarkable sporting comeback in 2013 as a Paracanoeist winning medals at the 2016 Summer Paralympics and ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships between 2012 and 2017. Jeanette was made a MBE in the 2017 Honour's List for services to Canoeing.

Commenting on Jeanette's attendance this year, Get Berkshire Active's CEO, Brett Nicholls, said: "We are particularly delighted to have Jeanette join us as our Guest of Honour this year, as she won the prestigious GBA Sports Personality of the Year Award in 2016."

The annual Get Berkshire Active Awards celebrate sporting excellence across the county as well as applauding the unseen work that goes on behind the scenes to make sport and physical activity happen. Awards are also made to the schools, community groups and workplaces who put physical activity and wellbeing at the forefront of their objectives.

Following public nominations for this year's details of all categories and shortlisted nominees are [here](#). Three award categories will be decided by public vote this year: Active Primary School Award, Active Secondary School Award and Community Club of the Year. The others will be determined by an expert panel.

Over 300 guests attended last year's sold-out event. A raffle on the night raised £1,300 with proceeds split equally and donated to CLIC Sergeant (Children's Cancer Charity) and the Stroke Association.

The 7<sup>th</sup> GBA Awards are supported by a range of sponsors including Technogym UK Ltd, Reading Football Club Community Foundation, Field Seymour Parkes LLP, Hilton Hotel Reading, Phoenix Sporting Goods, Everyone Active, Michael Burbridge Ltd, Places Leisure and Berkshire Unitary Authorities.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities please contact [nick.west-oram@getberkshireactive.org](mailto:nick.west-oram@getberkshireactive.org).

### ***Notes to Editors***

#### **About Get Berkshire Active**

Get Berkshire Active is the County Sports Partnership for Berkshire 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.

Find out more at [www.getberkshireactive.org](http://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 February 15, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel, Reading. [Click here](#) to see all last year's photos.

### **Shortlist for this year's Awards**

#### Lifetime Achievement

Colin Fox

Gina MacGregor

Doug Cook

Margaret Deighan

#### Junior Sports Personality of the Year

Charlotte Payne

Liam Barker

Ben East

#### Youth Engagement Project of the Year

Park House School Sports Leaders

Boxing Clever

The Adventure Learning Charity

#### Team Performance of the Year

Wokingham District Primary School U11 Football Team

Reading Athletics Club

Woodley U14 South Region Squad

#### Community Club of the Year

CrossFit Maidenhead

Woodley Netball Club

Thames Valley Kings Wheelchair Basketball Club

#### Coach of the Year

Symon O'Keeffe

Rachel Berenson-Perkins

Richard Devereux

Volunteer of the Year

Adrienne Hardy

Alan Leason

Samuel Haslam

Physical Activity for Health Award

Run with Active Slough

Sport in Mind

Man v Fat Football

Active Workplace of the Year

Bracknell Forest Council

Wokingham Borough Council

Active Primary School Award

Geoffrey Field Junior School

St Michael's School

Hawkedon Primary School

Active Secondary School Award

Eden Girls School

Kennet School

Park House School

Sports Personality of the Year

Francesca Williams

Carl Lofthouse

Ranvir Sandhu