



Welcome to the December 2020 edition of the Netball East Digi-News. This edition covers all the activity that has taken place in the East region over the last few months and provides updates on future activities.

EAST REGIONAL GOALDEN GLOBES 2020

On 22nd November, the East region came together to celebrate their first GGA volunteer recognition awards through a video presentation on social media. In total we received a whopping 53 nominations across all 8 categories, which is a massive achievement! The event showcased each category, where the nominees provided personal insight into the fantastic work they do. Well done to all our fantastic nominees on being nominated this year and huge congratulations to the winners. The East GGA 2020 winners are:

- Grassroots Coach Award: *Chloe Baker*
- Sheelagh Redpath Grassroots Official Award: *Phyll Karkoski*
- Young Volunteer Award: *Emily Stanton*
- Outstanding Netball Club Award: *Crosskey*
- Teacher Award: *Lisa Rattu*
- Unsung Hero Award: *Myra Hawtree*
- Mary Bulloch Administrator Award: *Helen Preston*
- Muriel McNally Award: *Linda Gaine*



East Honorary Life Membership

The East Goalden Globe celebration was topped off with an East Honorary Life Membership award to **Yvonne Adshead** for her outstanding contribution, support and commitment to the East region. Yvonne is a long serving volunteer in Hertfordshire and the East, Well deserved Yvonne and congratulations!

Presenting the Goalden Globe awards were Paul Clark East Chair, Sheelagh Redpath East President and East HLM, Cheryl Danson OBE and East HLM and Yvonne Adshead East HLM. Details of the celebrations can be found on the Netball East Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/netballeast/posts/2593385450952735>

SUCCESS FOR THE EAST AT THE NATIONAL GOALDEN GLOBES 2020



Following the East celebrations, each of the East Regional Winners were invited to England Netball's Vitality Goalden Globe Awards. The event took place on Thursday 10th December, through a virtual presentation evening to recognise the outstanding contributions they make to our sport.

The East Region's Goalden Globe winners joined other nominees and guests. The Evening was a lovely event which included player appearances from Serena Guthrie and Jade Clarke celebrating all the National volunteers.

IN THE GOALDEN GLOBES SECTION, THE EAST CELEBRATED 3 NATIONAL WINNERS!

Congratulations to **Myra Hawtree** from Norfolk, who won the National Unsung Hero award. →



← Congratulations to **Helen Preston** from East Essex who won the Mary Bulloch award.

And congratulations to **Crosskeys NC** from Hertfordshire who won the Outstanding Netball Club of the Year. →



A great achievement for all three of our 'National GGA Winners'.

OTHER ACCOLADES PRESENTED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Congratulations to the Watford Netball League who received a Rose Award for all the work carried out by the league committee and volunteers. A huge achievement!



The night also saw two East region legends being inducted into the England Netball Hall of Fame. Huge congratulations to **Maggie Jackson** MBE and HLM from Bedfordshire and **Jo Harten** from East Essex and EN National Rose.



ENGLAND NETBALL HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Paul Clark, East Regional Chair and **Gary Burgess**, International Umpire and EN's head of officiating were awarded this prestigious award in recognition of their work and contribution to the development of Netball, regionally and nationally.

Congratulations to Paul and Gary.



REMEMBERING SYLVIA EASTLEY

It is with great sadness that we learned of the loss of **Sylvia Eastley** who died peacefully on 22nd November. Sylvia's volunteering roles covered a variety of roles across different sectors of the Netball Family. A volunteer from Bedfordshire, her accolades include:

EN HLM, Ex-editor of the EN Netball magazine and an international umpire. Sylvia was responsible for the development and mentoring of many umpires as they took their first steps on to the officiating pathway. Umpires from Bedfordshire who have benefited from Sylvia's knowledge and expertise include Gary Burgess EN officiating lead, Cheryl Danson OBE and HLM and Sheelagh Redpath East President and HLM.



Her volunteering contributions also extended outside of England Netball. Sylvia was instrumental on the development of netball in Bermuda. In recognition Bermuda Netball start their season with a tournament in Sylvia's name.

VOLUNTEER'S CORNER – Nadia Shakir's story



Florrie Jones (NDO Herts) chats with Nadia: Why you love Netball?

I moved to Bedfordshire from Birmingham and up to this point I had mostly played football and hockey. My husband was working for EN and suggested I come to a Back to Netball session. I quite honestly started off terribly at the sport and can still remember the first time I played a match without doing footwork! It was the atmosphere & people that kept me coming back, the group of girls were amazing and so supportive; some of which have now become my closest friends as well as brilliant teammates. The pathway from B2N to league level netball is also great, it is the grass roots of netball and I feel B2N really improves your confidence and there are so many opportunities if you want to play competitively.

I currently play for 2 teams, have started umpiring and sit on the Welwyn Hatfield Netball League committee. Throughout my netball journey I have met so many lovely people, it never fails to be enjoyable and this is the reason I have fallen head over heels in love with the game..... For more of this storey, please visit our website: <https://www.netballeast.org.uk/about-us/latest-news/east-region-golden-globes-10/>

BEDFORDSHIRE HOST YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION



On Sunday 13th December 2020, despite the cold and rain marked the first day of **Bedfordshire County Development Netball Competition**. It was fantastic to see so many Bedfordshire girls and teams from Suffolk, Herts, Cambs and Northants taking to the court for some safe, but much wanted court time! Maggie Jackson along with a small team of helpers put a huge amount of work in to ensure a COVID-19 safe environment for attendees.

The **BCDNC** provides an additional level of competition, which will develop and strengthen the girls as players. Well done to all the teams that took part, it was refreshing to see so many teams back playing, and the enthusiasm shown by all participants.

A big shout out and thank you to coach's the fabulous umpires and the parents who gave up their Sunday to make this happen. If you wish to follow the Competition on social media platforms, please search **BCDNC**.



COURSES AND COACHING WORKSHOPS

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the closure of sports facilities following government guidance, England Netball has made the sad decision to postpone all courses planned for 2020.



COACHING COURSES

England Netball are planning to deliver these in early 2021. Please visit the England Netball Coaching page for further guidance: <https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/get-involved/coaching/courses/>



OFFICIATING COURSES

For further information please visit <https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/search/?search=officiating+coursesk> or contact the East Regional office.

COVID-19 UPDATES

For updated information please visit: <https://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/about/covid-19-support/>

CAPS

If you would like to register your club for CAPS accreditation, please email England Netball at: Caps.Caps@Englandnetball.co.uk

FUNDING

Netball East supports their affiliated members by providing UKCC course subsidies and mentoring opportunities to help develop coaches across the region. Grants can be given towards UKCC level 1 and level 2. Netball East is working with its county associations to provide a package for coaches, which should provide, in most cases, up to 75% of the cost of a course from the combined sources. Netball East UKCC Grant Scheme Application Forms are available to [Download Here >>](#)

COMPEITION AND EVENT

East Regional League

Due to the latest Government restrictions & some areas of the East Region moving into tier 3 & 4, the East Region Competitions Committee have taken the decision to delay the restart of the season to the beginning of February.



Vitality Netball Legends Series 2021

Friday 22nd January

Sunday 24th January

Tuesday 26th January

England V's Jamaica – Watch the behind-closed-doors series live @ SkySports and YouTube



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Netball East would like to take this opportunity to wish all the East Members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Lets hope 2021 is a good and prosperous year!



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<https://www.mavericksnetball.co.uk/>

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