

## **Penzance Netball Club's Ann Nicholas wins the 'Lifetime Services to Sport' Award at the 2015 Cornwall Sports Awards!**

Again, it was fantastic to see a strong Netball presence at the 2015 Cornwall Sports Awards. Organised by the Cornwall Sports Partnership, over 220 of Cornwall's unsung sporting heroes were invited to the annual event, held at The Headland Hotel in Newquay on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Volunteers from various pockets of the netball community were celebrated and paid tribute to for their dedication and efforts to supporting netball in Cornwall and inspiring the next generation.

19 awards were presented throughout the evening, for which 4 netball nominees appeared on the shortlist:

- **Community Coach of the Year** – Vicky Innes, Bude Bay Netball Club
- **Community Coach of the Year** – Hayley Curtis, Penryn and CSM Netball Clubs
- **Adult Club of the Year** – CSM Netball Club
- **Lifetime Services to Sport** – Ann Nicholas, Penzance Netball Club

Huge congratulations to all but particularly to Ann Nicholas who was awarded the 2015 Lifetime Services to Sport award!



**Ann Nicholas from Penzance Netball Club**

Ann has been involved with coaching and umpiring at Penzance Netball Club for over 30 years, working with both juniors and seniors. She's also been involved as a volunteer at County level, where she sat on both the County Committee and the County Schools Committee for a number of years, as well as volunteering her time to help develop young talented players by coaching the local Satellite Academy. She continues to mentor young umpires in the local area. Ann is quoted as being 'so enthusiastic for the sport, she has had a hugely positive impact on so many people'.

Here's a link to the video of Ann, which was shown at the Awards

<https://youtu.be/LmpOTKa7Ziw>

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 10th 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."

Keep your eyes peeled for information regarding the 2016 Cornwall Sports Awards and how you can nominate those outstanding individuals who work so tirelessly in your club. Details will be available on the Cornwall Sports Awards website in the new year

<http://www.cornwallsportspartnership.co.uk/events/cornwall-sports-awards/>