



St Agnes NC's Victoria Welch is crowned the 2014 South West Grassroots Coach of the Year



Cornwall was well represented at the recent South West Goalden Globe awards, which was held at Taunton School on Sunday 6 July 2014. Six volunteers from the county were nominated and shortlisted for the awards ceremony. Marianne Oliver and Jackie Tresidder were nominated for the Muriel McNally award due to their outstanding contribution to grassroots netball delivery (for more than 10 years). Sumaya Petersen was nominated for the Young Volunteer Award. Alice Brown, Hayley Curtis and Victoria Welch were shortlisted for the Grassroots Coach of the Year award for their outstanding contribution to netball club coaching as a volunteer (for 3 years or more).

Throughout the ceremony it was great to see all of the volunteers recognised for the hard work they put in for their clubs. Excitingly the first award of the afternoon was brought back to Cornwall as Victoria scooped the Grassroots Coach of the Year Globe. Congratulations Vix! She was awarded the Globe for her “remarkable ability to instil a level of confidence and passion into players regardless of their age or ability. Victoria’s professional and yet selfless approach, inspires all around her and her sessions engage even the least confident of players by showing them passion to succeed. In the past 7 years, Victoria has dedicated a huge amount of time to grassroots netball which has seen the club grow from 3 teams to 5 and successfully gain its Bronze and Silver CAPS accreditations. The club’s playing success (including promotion for 2 of the senior teams) is not just attributed to Victoria’s knowledge of netball but also her ability to empower individuals and create a team ethic and sense of pride throughout the club. For Victoria developing the club is not only about developing teams, but nurturing individual’s talents and encouraging club member’s to take on other roles within the club and develop within those roles – an ideal she demonstrates herself by the huge amount of CPD opportunities she has taken. Never one to turn someone away, Victoria is a true believer in grassroots netball.”

Victoria will now go on to represent the South West at the National Goalden Globes, which is due to take place on Saturday 20 September at the City Hall, Sheffield. Good luck to Vix for then!

If you’re interested in finding out more about the Goalden Globes and how to nominate a hardworking volunteer from your club, please contact Fern Nicholls, Cornwall Netball Development Officer (fern.nicholls@englandnetball.co.uk).



Victoria Welch, St Agnes NC Head Coach