Description of Awards

**Umpire of the Year**

This award was presented for the first time in 1986 and was kindly donated by Mrs Pat Stewart, who gave many years’ service to Derbyshire Netball.

The award is presented to a person who has, in your opinion, made a significant contribution to umpiring during the current season 2018/19.

**Young Umpire of the Year (U19)**

This award was presented for the first time in 2009.

The award is presented to a young person who has, in your opinion, provided a valued contribution to umpiring during the current season 2018/2019. They may be someone who has been involved in the junior league or perhaps has umpired at the Derbyshire County Academy/Satellite. Maybe they have recently progressed to umpire in an adult league showing improvement throughout the season.

**Coach of the Year**

This award was presented for the first time in 1989

The award is presented to a coach who has, in your opinion, made a significant contribution and impact in the 2018/2019 season

**Young Coach of the Year (U19)**

This award was presented for the first time in 2009.

The award is presented to the young coach (U19) who has, in your opinion, made a significant contribution to coaching during the current season 2018/2019. Nominees for this Award must hold a coaching qualification.

**The Janice Ruddle Volunteer of the Year Award**

This Award is being presented in memory of Janice Ruddle whose contribution to Derbyshire Netball at all levels was considerable and in later years had a significant impact upon juniors and what is now called Back to Netball.

The Award will be presented to someone who has made a valued contribution to Netball at Grassroots level during the season of 2018/19.

**The Jean Staley Netball Administration Award**

This Award was presented for the first time in 1988 in memory of Jean Staley who gave so much to Netball in Derbyshire.

The Award will be presented to an individual or group whose organisational skills have had an impact upon the delivery of Netball at any level within the current season 2018/2019

**The Vera Critchlow Service to Netball Award**

Vera Critchlow or Critch as she was known, was a Derbyshire County Netball coach in the fifties and sixties and was involved with all the county squads. She was devoted to netball.

This Award is presented to a person who has made an exceptional contribution to Derbyshire Netball Association over a long period of time.

**Clubs Star of the Year**

These awards, inaugurated in 2009, celebrate one member within each club who deserves recognition to acknowledge how much they are appreciated. For example, this could be someone who has spent time promoting club membership, has encouraged player development, a player who has surpassed your expectations or a volunteer, parent or club official who contributed by securing funding for your club or gaining coaching/umpiring qualifications. Possibly: just the best person to have in your club. Every club has a ‘star’ – who’s yours?