

# The Cricket Collective

# AWARDS

2026

The Cricket Collective Awards are an annual celebration of the volunteers, young leaders, clubs, and community groups who keep the grassroots game thriving week in, week out. These awards shine a light on the people whose dedication, passion, and energy make cricket possible across the country.

Throughout the season, Recreational Cricket Boards run their local award programmes, sharing winners at county events and across social media. National winners are then selected from regional champions and announced in the winter.

To nominate someone, simply contact your Cricket Board. And don't forget to spread the word so every outstanding volunteer gets the recognition they deserve.



## Newcomer of the Year

An individual who has recently stepped into the world of cricket volunteering and made an immediate, positive impact. Whether through fresh ideas, infectious enthusiasm, or a willingness to go above and beyond, this person has quickly become an integral part of their club or community.



## Young Cricket Collective Champion

A young volunteer aged 14 to 25 who has brought fresh energy, skills, or ideas to cricket this season, leading by example, acting as a positive role model, and making a meaningful contribution to their team, club or community.



## Raising the Game

A volunteer, committee member, or administrator who has gone above and beyond to help make cricket the most inclusive team sport opening cricket to new participants and communities and helping them thrive and feel welcome.



## Metro Bank Champion of Girls' Cricket

An individual, coach, role model or club who has championed the development of girls' cricket, creating opportunities for girls to play, coach, and lead.



## Unsung Hero

A dedicated volunteer whose efforts to make cricket happen often go unnoticed or take place behind-the-scenes, yet they continue to go above and beyond to support their club or community and to improve the experience for everyone involved.



## Sustainability Innovator

An individual, club, or group that is addressing the threat climate change poses to cricket by making sustainable changes to operations, adapting their facilities and/or engaging and educating their local community.



## Official of the Year

Match Officials, whether as an Umpire or Scorer, who uphold the spirit of cricket through fairness, professionalism and respect, and who make significant contributions to their organisation and the wider cricketing community, including supporting the development of others.



## Grounds Management Team of the Year

Volunteers who go the extra mile to make sure players have quality, safe, and sustainable facilities to enjoy cricket throughout the season.



## League Legend

A league volunteer, committee member or administrator who goes above and beyond to support clubs, local competitions, and participation levels.



## Coach of the Year

A coach who goes above and beyond to inspire and develop players of all ages and abilities, creating a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable learning environment.



## Lifetime Services to Coaching

A individual who has dedicated a lifetime to coaching, nurturing and mentoring players and fellow coaches, creating a lasting legacy across clubs, leagues, counties, or schools.



## Lifetime Achiever

An individual whose long-term service has shaped their club, league, or community, leaving a lasting legacy through years of dedication.



## Cricket Collective Champion - public voted award\*

An individual who plays a vital role in making recreational cricket happen by championing the volunteers who bring it to life. They support and uplift others, helping to recruit new faces, nurture existing volunteers, and create a welcoming, motivated environment where everyone feels valued.

\*The Cricket Collective Champion Award is decided solely by a public vote at the national stage. The county stage involves standard nominations only and does not include a public vote.