

LIVERPOOL COUNTY FA

2023 GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARDS

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**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**



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WELCOME

Good evening, and welcome to the Liverpool FA Awards Evening 2023 – a celebration of grassroots football on Merseyside and the individuals who make our game so special day-in and day-out.

Tonight's ceremony will see us celebrate the winners of this year's FA Grassroots Football Awards, and the winners of our own County awards; paying tribute to referees, coaches and volunteers who have made incredible contributions to our Merseyside community and game.

This year is extra special for us as we welcome you to our new Liverpool FA Sefton venue, where we hope you'll enjoy the evenings events, and continue to support and grow the venue with us over the coming years.

Whilst we are honoured to recognise tonight's winners, we send our heartfelt thanks to those who work tirelessly on behalf of the community every day, and we know we'll be seeing you nominated soon. On behalf of every single person at Liverpool FA and, I'm sure, all in attendance this evening – thank you for your incredible dedication and continued support.

A special thank you to the Liverpool FA Board, LCFA Sefton and the Liverpool FA staff, whom work tirelessly throughout the year and whom have all played a part in organising tonight's event.

I hope you all have a great time, and on behalf of myself and the board, may I wish you all a successful season.



Ian Wild
Chairman
Liverpool County FA Chairman



LIVERPOOL COUNTY FA OUR WORK ACROSS THE COUNTY

TOTAL PLAYERS REGISTERED:

37,457

MALE

5,243

FEMALE

1,148

DISABILITY

3,500

AFFILIATE TEAMS

33

AFFILIATED LEAGUES

ACCREDITED CLUBS :

91.6%

YOUTH

64.9%

ADULT

REGISTERED REFEREES :

277

NEW THIS YEAR

760

TOTAL

277

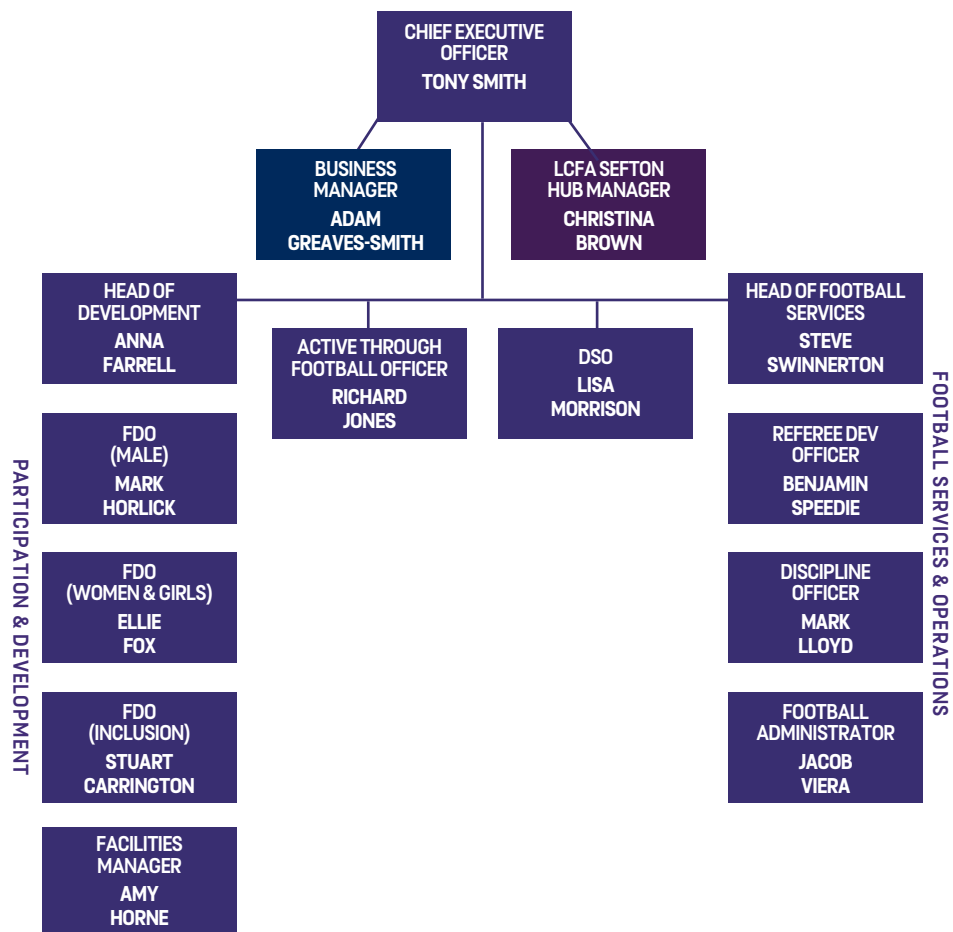
CANDIDATES ON
REFEREEING COURSES



THE TEAMS BEHIND THE TEAMS

We are proud to have such a passionate and experienced team at Liverpool FA, whom are the people that you speak to, laugh with and work with throughout the year.

Here is a little who's who of the Team Behind The Team.



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23 FA GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

The Grassroots Football Awards recognise and celebrate the work of individuals and groups to instil The FA's PRIDE values – Progressive, Respectful, Inclusive, Determined and Excellent – whilst making a positive difference in their club, league or local community. We are honoured to be able to present these awards to the 2023 winners, on behalf of the Football Association.

Congratulations to all our winners.

FA GRASSROOTS LEAGUE OF THE YEAR

Merseyside Inclusion League

The Merseyside Inclusion League continues to have such a powerful impact on the grassroots programme, and those involved. The league prides itself on supporting each other and being a safe place to all enjoy football.

FA GRASSROOTS CLUB OF THE YEAR

Berkley Junior FC

Berkley Junior FC has worked tirelessly to maintain and develop an 'everyone plays' approach, ensuring that every child at the club is highly motivated to attend training sessions and be a part of the team. The club has seen children thrive and develop, moving from the club to academies. Volunteers at the club spend hours of their own time ensuring pitches are of a high standard.

THE FA LIONESS AWARD

Inclusion Plus FC

Inclusion Plus FC is a grassroots football team for women, transgender and non-binary, priding themselves on mental health and inclusion at all levels. Their commitment to the cause, their engagement with the She Inspires league and their ongoing work alongside Liverpool FA shows the passion, engagement and opportunity.

FA GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR (FEMALE PATHWAY)

Kevin Larkin

Kevin shows a passion and commitment to developing and growing the female game and developing opportunities within the community. After starting the club, a year ago, this has grown to 60 girls being continually involved, engaged, and developed.

FA GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR (DISABILITY PATHWAY)

Steven Woodrow

Steven works tirelessly within the disability coaching network, helping to develop the teams and players across multiple teams. All those involved heap praise on Steven's commitment, and the levels of engagement he creates for the players, within such an important environment.

FA GRASSROOTS COACH OF THE YEAR (MALE PATHWAY)

David McCormack

The Impact that David has within all-inclusive football across the County is second-to-none, and something that he always approaches with passion. With the help and support of Liverpool FA, David has taken an idea around building an Inclusion concept, and built it into a club, a league and a wide range of Inclusion programmes within the County.

FA GRASSROOTS MATCH OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Thomas King

Thomas consistently receives praise as a firm, knowledgeable, fair and excellent match official across the County. His passion for the sport is engaging, as is the extra care he shows with players and coaches, explaining and dissecting decisions for the benefit of the game.

FA POSITIVE FOOTBALL ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Mossley Hill Athletic

Mossley Hill is a great asset to the county, operating now for 30 years. Under the stewardship of Rob Wells, Mossley Hill is always at the forefront of fair play and positive environment recognition and continues to be held in high-esteem across the county, championing their values and Positive football For All.

FA GRASSROOTS YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ethan James Davies

Ethan has been volunteering within Grassroots football for 14 years since the age of 4! He assists with organisation, development and engagement with a passion that is hard to not be motivated by.

FA GRASSROOTS NEW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

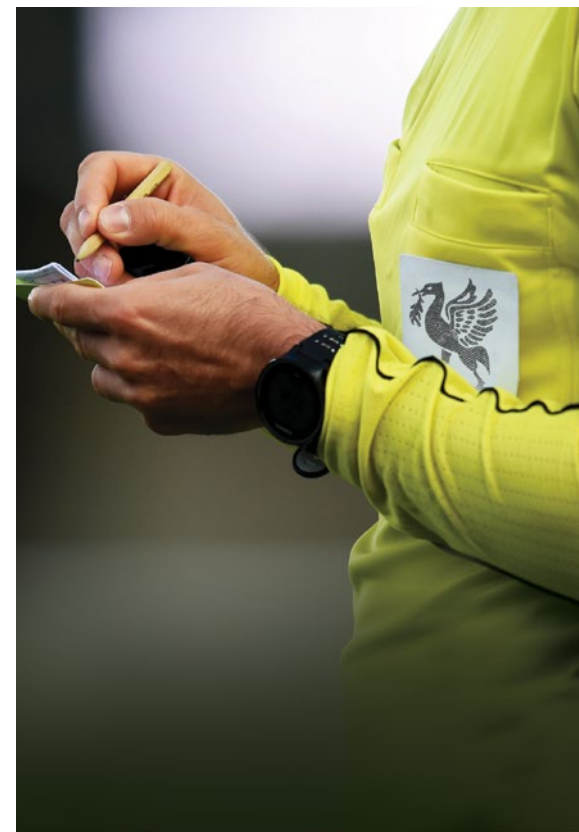
Jack Davies

Having been involved across the grassroots game since the age of 2, Jack continues to show passion and commitment, whilst championing inclusion and assistance. Being a younger member of the MSB Woolton Committee, Jack continues to impress within the game and we look forward to watching continued development.

23 REFEREE AWARD WINNERS

Merseyside is renowned for its passion for refereeing. It's more than a just a hobby, it's something that brings people together and unites the game. This passion for refereeing is personified by the winners of our Services to Refereeing Awards, who are all heroes of the grassroots game.

Congratulations to you all.



BEST REFEREEING AWARD

Jim Thompson

The overall support that Jim provides to the refereeing program in the county is second-to-none. Jim completed the most observations and matchday coaching reports last season, which continues to assist in the County Referees endeavour for promotion.

BEST REFEREEING NEWCOMER

Ellie Diamond

Ellie completed her training last summer and has continued to excel outside of her comfort zone. Imperative to refereeing professional development, Ellie continues to pursue her own constructive feedback, is committed to her own development and continues to impress her peers at all opportunities.

REFEREEING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

George Cain

The overall support that George provides to the county refereeing program is imperative and irreplaceable. A solid stalwart of the programme, there is very little that George doesn't assist with and help to develop. We thank George for being the glue that holds the book together.



In collaboration with Merseyside Police, NSPCC, NWG, and Think Tank Academy, the Liverpool County Football Association (LCFA) proudly presents **ASK 4 SAM** – a groundbreaking Safeguarding Campaign that aims to improve safeguarding and support for our young Footballers.

In the world of grassroots football, the well-being of our children is paramount. **ASK 4 SAM** revolutionizes the way we protect and nurture our young talents. We are introducing a network of **Safe Adult Mentors (SAM)** who are not just ordinary adults but dedicated individuals within the grassroots football community, armed with knowledge and compassion.

Our campaign establishes a visible and easily identifiable presence of these Safe Adults & Mentors across Merseyside's Grassroots Football landscape. The **SAM** network will be a beacon of hope, a friendly face on the pitch, and a reliable source of help for children who need it.

ASK 4 SAM empowers our young athletes to ask for help confidently and receive expert guidance. We believe that every child deserves a safe and supportive environment to thrive in, and this campaign is our commitment to achieving that vision.

Join us in this journey to create a safer and more nurturing environment for our young football stars. **ASK 4 SAM** is not just a campaign; it's a movement to safeguard our future champions. Together, we can make grassroots football an even better place for our children to play, grow, and succeed.

More information coming very soon!





OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

These special awards are for the people who have shown ongoing passion, supporting and developing grassroots football across Merseyside.

These people have been instrumental in raising the profile of Junior and adult football for many years.

Tom Nugent

After many years as the Club Secretary of Seneley&Garswood FC, Tom has recently stepped down after years of dedication and commitment to the club. He remained devoted to the proactive development of activities for girls' and boys' football, whilst developing coaches and referees within the community.

Simon Boyd

As well as developing first ever girls football section, which is now thriving. Simon helped to develop the club massively in such a short period of time, and we thank him for his work.

Paul Leary

As chairman of Marine FC Paul has given a long-term commitment to football and the club. Under his tenure, he has helped to develop the club to brilliant heights, continued fantastic development within the facilities and the community and continues to push Marine into becoming a benchmark for Non-League football in the Merseyside area.

Gary Goodwin

Gary has given many years of service as a league official and a club official of Penlake FC. He's been instrumental in developing the Warrington Girls league, developing huge opportunities for male and female youth football and a continued commitment to grassroots football.

Mick Hellar

As the League secretary for the Liverpool Premier league for many years, Mick's dedication to grassroots football in the county has been incredible. As the President of the league, Mick continues this dedicated service, and the development of the opportunities for those involved.

John Milligan

As the League secretary for the Merseyrail Business House league for many years, John's dedication to grassroots over this time continues to be passionate and excellent. As the President of the league, we look forward to John's continued service.

Andrew Brady

After coming through as player, Andrew continues to be heavily involved within the disability leagues, working on on the talent and grassroots development. As well as working with the Everton In the Community Grassroots Disability Division, Andrew is also the Head of Disability for Warrington Wolves, and continues to show fantastic commitment and passion for the county programmes.



LIVERPOOL FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Whilst we are thankful to ALL who dedicate their time, energy and experience in developing the Grassroots game across Merseyside, it's a special occasion to honour those whom have been involved for a massive amount of time.

Over the course of many years of grassroots football, these individuals and clubs have been involved in grassroots football in Merseyside and their local community, for over five decades!

We thank these people and clubs for their hard work, commitment and dedication to grassroots football across Merseyside.

50 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Frank Murphy

50 YEARS' SERVICE AWARD

Billy Birch



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The development of grassroots football is an area that Liverpool FA is strongly committed to. Our aim is to ensure that football is accessible to everybody wishing to play, in addition to maintaining the safety of all participating.

The County FA's work cannot be done without the help of volunteers, within the hundreds of clubs, leagues, and venues we work with every day.

We are so thankful to ALL that are involved, and our Liverpool FA Awards pay tribute to just a few who work to make sure football on Merseyside is FOR ALL.

SOCIAL INCLUSION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Keith Johnson

Keith has remained a huge and vital part of the Parkinson's community from day one, supporting it both on and off the pitch. He is always available and committed for sessions, looking after the wellbeing of the group and ensuring everyone is doing well. Keith remains an instrumental and respected part of the group and continues to make it a positive and fun environment.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Charlie Garrod

Charlie shows so much dedication to our youth council & female coaching networks. Alongside this, Charlie is the first to lend a helping hand at events and projects, notably the She Inspire Programme Launch event. As an ambassador of this programme, Charlie helps to run our national Squad Girls Anniversary event at St George's Park. As well as this ongoing dedication to the She Inspires league, Charlie currently coaches, referees and has just passed her UEFA C.

A positive young role model to all females and we are lucky to have within our county.

COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

Danuta Kay

Danuta is a great asset to the grassroots safeguarding network. As a welfare officer for a club and it's league, Danuta's dedication is an inspiration to the grassroots volunteers. Each season she gives countless hours to the Safeguarding teams and works hand-in-hand with the County DSO to continue furthering the awareness and expectations of the importance of Safeguarding.

SHE INSPIRES INSPIRATION AWARD

Becky Williams

Becky set up her own club last season within the She inspire league, and already, her positive attitude and commitment to women's recreational football is second-to-none.

Becky remains a great ambassador for the She Inspires league, and alongside this she continues to dedicate her time to support the NHS Games. Becky is a fantastic role model to have in female football within our county.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO FEMALE FOOTBALL AWARD

Linzi Davies

Linzi is a fantastic individual who dedicates so much time to grassroots – running a team, involved in a club, and working with the County delivering our female coaching network. Linzi has had to sadly step away from the role, however her time during her role was outstanding and will be hard to replace.



LIVERPOOL COUNTY FA OUR WORK ACROSS THE COUNTY

19

COUNTY CUP
COMPETITIONS

72.7%

YOUTH TEAMS WITH
QUALIFIED COACHES

1,000+

ATTENDEES TO
COACHING CPD

59

WILDCATS CENTRES

13

WILDCATS SQUADS

24

JUST PLAY

£1,093,018

INVESTED VIA GRANTS

138

PITCHES IMPROVED VIA THE PITCH
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME



LIVERPOOL COUNTY FA NEWS

PARKINSON'S ENGLAND TEAM TRIUMPH IN SINGAPORE

Liverpool County FA are proud to have contributed to the achievement of the Parkinson's England team, who lifted the Walking Football Games 2023 title at Tao Payoh Stadium, Singapore, last month.

Our Football Development Officer (Inclusion), Stuart Carrington, led the team out in the Far East where, in addition to the tournament, the England players, many from the North West, met up with a Parkinson's group in Singapore to provide advice and support to local people.

The tournament was an unforgettable event both on and off the pitch, and we would like to congratulate everybody on this magnificent achievement.



FRANK SOO CUP 2023 SHOWCASES EAST & SOUTH EAST ASIAN FOOTBALLING TALENT

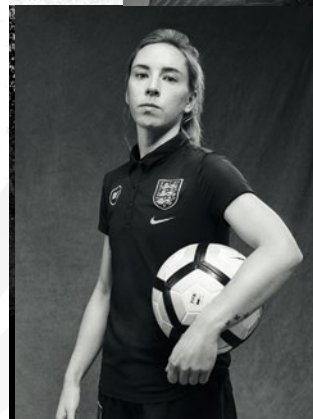


In the first County FA-supported event of its kind, East and South East Asian teams from across the country descended upon Liverpool to compete for the Frank Soo Cup 2023, a tournament honouring the first player of Asian descent to play for England, who grew up in Liverpool.

Descendants of Soo were at the event to see some of the best East and South East Asian footballing talent in England, which was organised in partnership with the Frank Soo Foundation.

The tournament was played in a great spirit, and we cannot wait to work with the Frank Soo Foundation again.

For more information contact Stuart Carrington via stuart.carrington@liverpoolfa.com



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