4th June 2019

**Wiltshire Cricket OSCAs 2019**

Dear Club Contact,

Wiltshire Cricket Limited is delighted to announce that it will be holding its annual Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards (OSCAs) ceremony in September 2019 (final date tbc) at the Ceres Hall in Devizes. The evening will celebrate the outstanding work of volunteers across the county and will be run in combination with the Wiltshire Cricket County Age Group awards.

The club cricket scene continues to grow. In recent years, we have seen the breadth of what club cricket offers increase greatly; All Stars Cricket, Under 9s Cricket, Junior Cricket, senior league Cricket, friendly Cricket, Women’s Soft Ball Cricket and Women’s Hard Ball Cricket are now all established programmes but with the increase in what Cricket offers we also see an increase in volunteer workload.

As a result, Wiltshire Cricket really encourages your club to take a look at the OSCAs criteria in order for you to identify whether there is a volunteer worthy of nomination in your club. The OSCAs are a great way that we can recognise the outstanding efforts that these volunteers give.

The six NatWest OSCAs nomination categories for 2019 will be:

* **Heartbeat of the Club**
* **Lifetime Achiever**
* **Young Volunteer (14-18)**
* **Young Volunteer (19-25)**
* **The Most Inspiring & Diverse Cricket Offer**
* **Pro-Active Leadership in Cricket**

The OSCAs are aimed at rewarding and recognising the volunteers that the game of Cricket simply couldn’t do without and so the purpose of this letter is to ask for your support in nominating individuals from within your club who you feel are worthy of recognition in one of the categories above.

For a bit more information on the six categories, please see below:

**Heartbeat of the Club** – The special volunteer that your club simply couldn’t do without, often the roles they carry out are behind the scenes. They often undertake a number of different roles, and are always there to lend a hand.

**Lifetime Achiever** – This individual will have made an outstanding difference to their cricket Club, League, Board or local cricket community over a significant number of years.

**Young Volunteer** – This award is designed to highlight and show the fantastic contribution that young volunteers can make within the game.

**The Most Inspiring & Diverse Cricket Offer**– This award is designed to highlight a club, league or community organisation that offers member led products, programmes and events that encourage participation from all members of their community.  Innovation and pushing the boundaries are to be rewarded here and we want to recognise growth within the game.

**Pro-Active Leadership in Cricket**– This award is designed to highlight and show the essential contribution that proactive leadership can make within the Club, Leagues, Officiating, Community or County Organisation's.  We want to recognise those individuals who are providing vision and direction in growing the game and reaching into new markets.

Nominations should be received no later than **Wednesday 24th July 2019**. The Directors of Wiltshire Cricket Limited will meet shortly afterwards to review the nominations and a shortlist of three nominees in each category will be selected and these individuals will be invited to the Wiltshire OSCAs event outlined above.

The winners in each category will then represent Wiltshire at the prestigious national NatWest OSCAs awards at Lords on Monday 14th October, an excellent and fun event.

A nomination form is enclosed with this letter and this includes details on how to submit a nomination. Please circulate this within your club and make as many nominations as possible. We really do encourage all clubs to nominate those individuals in your club that truly make a difference so that they stand a chance of being recognised through these fantastic awards.

Yours sincerely,



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