19th July 2018

**Wiltshire Cricket OSCAs 2018**

Dear Club Contact,

Wiltshire Cricket Limited is delighted to announce that it will be holding its annual Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards (OSCAs) ceremony on Friday 14th September 2018 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 County Age Group awards.

For club cricket, 2018 has been another busy year with many clubs engaging with ECB initiatives once again. For example, All Stars Cricket, Women’s Soft Ball Cricket, Cricketforce, Clubmark…. The list could go on. Each of these initiatives have been fantastic for the game but they each place an additional workload on the volunteer network within clubs who are already challenged with trying to sustain the traditional formats of the game that we all know and love. 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 6 NatWest OSCAs nomination categories for 2018 will be:

* **Heartbeat of the Club**
* **Leagues**
* **Lifetime Achiever**
* **NatWest CricketForce**
* **Officiating – Umpires and Scorers**
* **Young Volunteer**

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.

**Leagues** - This award is aimed at recognising the outstanding contribution made by Leagues which help and support an increase in participation and getting more people playing more.

**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.

**NatWest CricketForce** - A club who has galvanised their members to support NWCF, gained support from local and national business, as well as linking with the local community in the recruitment of volunteers for club.

**Officiating** - This award is looking for an official who has visibly increased the quality of officiating and standard player satisfaction of the cricket within their own club, league, or county.

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

Nominations should be received no later than **Tuesday 31st July 2018**. The Directors of Wiltshire Cricket 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 Tuesday 9th 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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