

**LINCOLNSHIRE**  
**SPORT &  
PHYSICAL  
ACTIVITY**  
**AWARDS 2021**

**CELEBRATION REVIEW**

RECOGNISING, CELEBRATING AND SAYING  
THANK YOU TO YOU, OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITY.

MORE PEOPLE  
MORE ACTIVE  
MORE OFTEN

# A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE TEAM

**We are incredibly proud to share our celebration brochure from the 2021 Lincolnshire Sport and Physical Activity Awards. We can guarantee that you'll be inspired by the stories of the winners and finalists, of courage, of commitment, and of overcoming challenges.**

The awards are a chance to celebrate the people that excel in and contribute to sport and physical activity across Lincolnshire. The pandemic has highlighted just how vital it is for us to be more active, more often not only for physical health but for mental wellbeing and - now that we can be together again - for the positive impact on community cohesion.

The awards event is always inspiring and uplifting, and this year was no different. We had over 200 nominations, and the judges had a tough time choosing the finalists and winners. Every nominee, finalist and winner has shown the positive impact sport and physical activity have on people's daily lives.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in the awards, our headline sponsor Lincoln Water Park, and individual award sponsors, as well as the judges. And say a huge congratulations to the finalists and winners who are indeed an inspiration and should be so proud of their achievements.

Despite the pandemic, it has been a busy 18 months at Active Lincolnshire. We have been an instrumental part of the national distribution of Sport England's £20M Tackling Inequality Fund, awarding £248,000 to local Lincolnshire groups. We joined national campaigns and gathered regional insight, working with Sport England, UK Coaching, This Girl Can, and This Mum Moves, and our Wheelchair Sports Programme is the biggest of its kind in the UK. We distributed Opening Schools Facilities funding to over 60 schools across the county, and have recently

launched our new consumer website, Let's Move Lincolnshire, featuring an Activity Finder to help residents of Lincolnshire find physical activity groups and clubs.

The 2021 Awards have demonstrated how physical activity and sport can positively transform people's everyday lives. Once again, thank you all for your ongoing support, and we look forward to celebrating with you all again next year.

## Emma Tatlow

Cheif Executive | Active Lincolnshire



# 2021 AWARD WINNERS

## Active Community Award

### Billingborough Community Gym

The first award of the evening Active Community Award was awarded to Billingborough Community Gym for the support provided to their local community.

The Billingborough Community Gym is entirely staffed by volunteers, and since opening in 2013 has completed more than 400 inductions, and trained several members of the community to become Level 2 Gym Instructors. Any profits made are put back into the facility to purchase, improve and service equipment.



## Active Champion of the Year Gemma Warrington

The 2021 Active Change Award sponsored by One You Lincolnshire was awarded to Gemma Warrington. This is an award that rewards an individual who has used sport and physical activity to make a positive change to their lives over the past 12 months.

In October 2020, Gemma Warrington decided to make changes to her health and wellbeing as she was feeling “completely fed up, stressed, anxious, overwhelmed and insecure”. Since October, she has lost an amazing 5st 5lbs and has transformed her life.

**Not only has Gemma’s fitness increased, she now has a love for being active.**

## Volunteer Commitment Award

### Fina Martinez-Perez, Grantham Water Polo

Throughout lockdown, Fina was an inspiration; her determination to continue training; led her to promote the couch to 5k for all players; making it fun and interactive; she developed training plans and exercises that helped keep our young people active and engaged.

As lockdown eased, Fina went on a recruitment campaign for the club looking for new players, appearing on local radio shows, TV news bulletins and approaching all the local secondary schools, promoting Water polo. As a result of Fina’s efforts, the club welcomed 32 new players in September.



## Contribution to Sport & Physical Activity Award

### Roger Michie, Active Nation

Roger Michie, Business Manager of Active Nation, has had a pivotal role in supporting inclusion. Roger has supported the DISC Disabled Inclusive Swimming Club, has also run a successful Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) project and introduced swimming lessons for those with sensory loss.



### Dan Hone, Active Arena CIC

Local businessman Dan Hone, founder of Active Arena, and Roger Michie of Active Nation, were joint recipients of the 2021 Contribution to Sport & Physical Activity Award.

Active Arena opened in August 2020, and the owner Dan Hone, a former Lincoln City FC player, worked tirelessly to ensure that the surrounding community could access sport following all government guidelines and providing a safe place.

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## Special Sporting Recognition

Celebrating and recognising the outstanding achievements of athletes from Lincolnshire in national and international sporting competitions.

- Hollie Arnold
- Thomas Talbot
- Sophie Wells
- Jo Talbot
- Sam Atkin
- Shona McCallum
- Victoria Rumary
- Olivia Clark

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## Fundraising Award

### Lindsay Nearn & Tony Lake

Lindsay and Tony signed up for the ‘Don’t Quit, Get Fit’ St Barnabas challenge in January 2021.

Lindsay, a 47-year-old mum of five, lost an incredible 9 stone as part of this lifestyle change and new training regime. Tony, her partner, also lost an additional 3.5 stone.

The pair completed their running challenge in January. They enjoyed it so much that they then went on to complete the National Three Peaks in just over 24 hours in June and also signed up to scale Mount Toubkal, the highest mountain in North Africa, next May.



## Active School Award

### Skegness Grammar School

The 2021 Award was presented to Skegness Grammar for the countless opportunities they promoted to keep students active in Lockdown.

They organised challenges for the students, including ‘Ultimate the Athlete Competition’, the ‘You’re a Star Wellbeing Challenge’, Virtual London Marathon, a Virtual Sports Day, and even a Virtual Tug of War!

The PE staff team event hosted a virtual sports celebration evening and personally delivered the medals to the student houses.



## Active Club Award

### Long Sutton Cricket Club

Long Sutton Cricket Club has come back stronger than ever from lockdown, and offer countless coaching and playing opportunities for men, women and juniors.

The club was also instrumental in a pilot for Girls only All-Stars and Dynamos cricket in the late summer, and also delivered a Women’s Soft Ball Cricket Festival, a fun-filled day attended by over 50 ladies.



## Workplace Wellbeing Award

### North Kesteven District Council

North Kesteven District Council were the proud recipient of the Workplace Wellbeing Award.

The changes and improvements to wellbeing at NKDC over the last 12 months have enabled the team to move from Silver to Gold in the Investors in People Standards; they are finalists in the IIP Awards and the CIPD Awards for their Workplace Health and Wellbeing Programme.



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# 2021 AWARD SPONSORS & FINALISTS



## **Active Community Award**

**Billingborough Community Gym**  
Run Talk Run  
Voiceability / Speak Out



## **Active Change Award**

Clare Smith  
**Gemma Warrington**  
Leanne Kerridge



## **Contribution to Sport & Physical Activity Award**

**Dan Hone, Active Arena CIC**  
**Roger Michie, Active Nation**  
Paul Timms, Spartans Taekwondo Academy



## **Active Club Award**

Evolution Martial Arts  
**Long Sutton Cricket Club**  
Spartans Taekwondo Academy



## **Volunteer Commitment Award**

**Fina Martinez-Perez, Grantham Water Polo Club**  
Jake Lane, Lincoln City Foundation & Lincoln City Football Club  
Terence Timmis, Lincoln Wellington Athletes



## **Active School Award**

Branston Church of England Infant School  
Haven High Academy  
**Skegness Grammar School**



## **Workplace Wellbeing Award**

Lincoln City Foundation  
**North Kesteven District Council**  
One You Lincolnshire



## **Special Sporting Recognition**

Hollie Arnold, Sam Atkin, Olivia Cark,  
Shona McCallum, Victoria Rumary,  
Jo Talbot, Thomas Talbot, Sophie Wells.



## **Fundraising Award**

Amy Hodson  
Carolyn Smith and Phil May  
**Lindsay Nearn and Tony Lake**



## **Active Champion of the Year**

**Gemma Warrington**



**Inspiring Lincolnshire  
to move more.**

## **Every Move Counts**

**A new website to showcase ways  
to be active across Lincolnshire.**

**Find Activities**

**Active Lincolnshire is proud to announce the new Let's Move Lincolnshire website and Activity Finder is now live! Featuring a range of content to inspire and encourage Lincolnshire residents to be more active.**

**If you are an activity provider you can get your activities, clubs and classes featured on our activity finder to help get Lincolnshire moving.**

**Promote your activity**

**Search: Let's Move Lincolnshire**