

Volunteer Coordinators Report

Despite not being able to run a volunteers workshop with the clubs (normally held in conjunction with the Leadership Academy), it was a seemingly successful year for volunteers in the clubs.

The end of season RFU Value the Volunteer awards were well supported with some 35 volunteers nominated, 22 of whom attended the presentation luncheon at Aylesbury RFC which, despite the cancellation of the mens County Championship game against Devon, proved to be a very successful and well received lunch.

Dan Lock won the County nomination to the national finals for his work with the girls game throughout the County.

We have had feedback that not every club in the County was aware of the awards and the fact that nominations can be made by anyone in the club without committee knowledge also caused a few raised eyebrows when the nominations were announced. This has been fed back to RFU but, on balance, the current format seems a success.

Gareth Williams, of Aylesbury RFC, was our CB nomination to 'Watch the Team Train' Red Roses initiative and he attended a Red Roses training session as a reward for his involvement in promoting the women's game at his club.

Hopefully, if we're successful in reintroducing the Leadership Academy in the upcoming season, we'll be able to add a volunteer workshop module which will enable club Volunteer Coordinators to get together to share ideas of best practice and assist our clubs recruitment of the volunteers they need to keep thriving.

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