**Sussex Cricket Foundation are proud to present the Covid Hero Awards, in partnership with 1st Central.**

**We want to celebrate those individuals or clubs that worked so hard to ensure that cricket has been possible in 2020 and that their clubs continued to be at the heart of the community.**

**We have a number of different award categories, with their criteria listed below, please read the criteria and nominate accordingly.**

**Please send completed nomination forms to** [**emma.brooke@sussexcricket.co.uk**](mailto:emma.brooke@sussexcricket.co.uk) **along with a photo of the nominee.**

**These awards will be shortlisted by The Sussex Cricket Foundation and then voted for and announced through our twitter account, which you can follow @SussexCricketFd. If you would like to vote, but don’t have a twitter account you can do so through Emma Brooke.**

* **Nominations open on Wednesday 7th October.**
* **Nominations close on Friday 6th November.**
* **Shortlists will be released from Monday 30th November.**

**Winners & those shortlisted will be invited to a celebration event at The 1st Central County Ground during a match in the 2021 season, restrictions dependent.**

**NOMINATION FORM**

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| NOMINATION CATEGORY | ……………………………………. |
| Nominee |  |
| Name |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Email address\* |  |
| Cricket Club |  |
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| Reason for Nomination  200 word maximum  Please consult the Judging Criteria document for suggestions  on what to include. |  |
| Nominator |  |
| Name |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Email address |  |
| Cricket Club |  |
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**PLEASE SEND A PHOTO OF THE NOMINEE ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL**

*\*All communication with the Nominee will be sent electronically so please provide an email address*.

**NOMINATION CRITERIA**

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| All Stars Cricket Hero |
| During Covid, parents were itching to get their kids out there doing something, All Stars Cricket became a fantastic community initiative for a number of clubs who really embraced it. Nominate your club or an individual who you feel is deserving of recognition for the amount of effort they put in to getting the programme up and running. Show evidence of outside of the box thinking and clever initiatives that went above and beyond to ensure that the sessions were fun and enjoyable. |
| Junior Cricket Hero |
| This award is for an individual that ensured that junior cricket was accessible and available for the clubs members during the Covid season. Providing cricket in as many different forms as possible for as many young cricketers as possible. This person will be the face of a junior section, well known to the parents and the kids alike, developing and nurturing talent and doing so in a fun and enjoyable environment, they will have given a huge number of hours over this period of time to ensure their junior section has thrived despite the ongoing situation. |
| Social Media Engagement – Club of the Year |
| During the lockdown, engagement with members was essential in maintaining moral and keeping people up to date with what was going on. Some clubs went above and beyond with their social media content, from historic matches to toilet roll challenges, we want nominations for the clubs that have done it best. |
| Grounds Hero |
| All grounds teams need recognition and in the absence of cricket, some really went to town on their grass. This award is for the group or individual, who put in countless hours across the Covid affected period, ensuring the ground was ready at any given moment, for the green light to be given. |
| Officiating Hero |
| Who was that individual who was there in a heartbeat to stick their finger up to their own club members! An individual who gave their time weekly during this period to ensure that matches could run smoothly and to remind the players to sanitise every six overs. |
| Women’s Cricket Hero |
| For an individual who has worked tirelessly throughout the 2020 season, to ensure the women in their club were up to date with what is happening and, when cricket was finally allowed to be played, who set up, organised and ran matches and ensured that all of the members were catered for. Consider the amount of training, fixtures & festivals that were played and how many individuals were involved. |
| Initiative of the Year |
| This award recognises the extraordinary engagement of a programme that was set up to tackle inactivity (or potential inactivity) in the cricket community. This could be club based, or Countywide. |
| Community Hero |
| An award for an individual or group who have used the 2020 season to really develop their link with the local community, being a safe place for the community to come and enjoy cricket, working with local groups to provide opportunities and building links with local charities & food banks to support local people. |
| Volunteer of the Year |
| This award is for an individual that volunteers their time for the good of cricket in Sussex as a whole – whether that be on a league, competition & officials’ panel or within your club. Who is that person, that during the Covid crisis, really went that extra mile to ensure cricket was able to happen in Sussex? |