

# CHESHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP

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## **Cheshire golfer wins top volunteer award**

**CAPTION:** Ted Leather (left) receives his Services to Golf/Lifetime Achievement award from England Golf president Paul Baxter

CHESHIRE'S Ted Leather was recognised this week as one of England's top golf volunteers.

Ted, of Warrington Golf Club, was presented with the men's Services to Golf/Lifetime Achievement award at the England Golf Partnership's annual Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The awards ceremony was held at the County Golf Development Conference dinner at the National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa in Lincolnshire.

The award winners were applauded by a packed conference hall made up of those leading the EGP's vision to 'Grow the Game' through the County Golf Partnership structure.

Phil Beard, Volunteer Manager for the England Golf Partnership, said: "These volunteers are truly inspiring people who play a crucial part in growing the game. They readily give up their time and many people are playing and enjoying golf because of their encouragement. These awards recognise the importance and value of our volunteers."

Ted Leather is known for his passion and enthusiasm for the Cheshire Golf Partnership and its work to grow the game.

He was instrumental in setting up the partnership and has chaired it since it launched in 2009, working with "a very good team who are responsible for the success we have at the moment."

Over the past year he's combined his CGP duties with those of club captain at Warrington Golf Club, where he's been a member for more than 40 years. Ted was president of the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs in 2008 and still sits on the executive committee.

"I've always been very keen to develop golf and to look forward to the future, but I certainly didn't expect this award," said Ted.

Craig Thomas, the Cheshire County Golf Partnership Development Officer and a PGA professional, commented: "Ted puts a vast amount of time into the partnership, he is extremely supportive of any projects we run within the partnership and he helps to keep the team together. Ted is a perfect role model as a CGP chairman and he is Cheshire CGP through and through."

The national volunteering programme is delivered via the England Golf Partnership's 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf and is an integral part of the England Golf Partnership's vision to 'Grow the Game'.

For more on volunteers and full details of all the award winners go to [www.golfvolunteers.org](http://www.golfvolunteers.org).

The England Golf Partnership is a collaboration of the major stakeholders in golf, including England Golf - the organisation formed by the merger of The English Golf Union and The English Women's Golf Association - the PGA, the Golf Foundation and Sport England.

In Cheshire the partnership is supported by the Cheshire Union of Golf Clubs, the Cheshire County Ladies Golf Association and the Cheshire and North Wales PGA.

For more details of the activities in Cheshire visit [www.cheshiregolfpartnership.com](http://www.cheshiregolfpartnership.com)

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