

CHESHIRE COUNTY GOLF PARTNERSHIP

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A CAMPAIGN to encourage more people in Cheshire to take up golf has been nominated for a sports award.

Clubs across the county have held special taster sessions and coaching courses to make it as easy as possible to take up golf or return to the sport.

Under the stewardship of the Cheshire County Golf Partnership, PGA professionals have delivered the scheme which aims to make golf as accessible as possible to people of all abilities, while also highlighting the health benefits and social life to be gained from joining a club.

Now the Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership has nominated the county partnership in the National Governing Body category.

It acknowledges organisations that have shown “a significant enhancement in its delivery to the residents of Chester and Warrington.”

More than 350 potential golfers have taken advantage of the schemes on offer.

The award winners will be announced at a glittering evening held at Eaton Park, Ecclestone, on November 16 which organisers Cheshire Sport describe as a “celebration of those who go the extra mile for the sporting community of Cheshire and Warrington.”

The event, now in its ninth year which will be attended by around 150 people, also raises money for the Cheshire Sport Rising Stars Fund.

The Cheshire County Golf Partnership will be represented by Melanie Flude, north west regional development officer for the English Golf Union and the English Women’s Golf Association, and Cheshire County Golf Partnership Chair Ted Leather.

The Cheshire CGP has launched a wide range of initiatives under the banners of ‘Get into Golf’ and ‘Go4Green’.

As well as targeting junior players, special emphasis has been placed on the 16plus age group with free taster sessions and low-cost coaching sessions designed to appeal to beginners to the sport or those looking to return to golf.

Driving ranges and municipal golf courses have also supported the scheme, which has been tailored to have a wide appeal, including sessions for ladies only, couples and disability groups. Those taking part also received a free Wilson 7 iron golf club.

Says Melanie Flude: “This nomination is down to the hard work of all those involved in delivering these schemes which offer an easy way to start playing golf.

“Everyone who has supported the work of the Cheshire County Golf Partnership and its

development officer Craig Thomas has shown a positive and proactive approach to ensuring that golf attracts a new generation of players for the future, which can only help safeguard the clubs in the years ahead.”

The England Golf Partnership (EGP) was established to co-ordinate one development plan for golf in England, known as 'The Whole Sport Plan', and attracted substantial funding from Sport England. A network of county golf partnerships was put in place across England to deliver a raft of schemes aimed at increasing participation in golf by people of all ages and abilities.

The EGP is a collaboration of a number of stakeholders in the sport including the English Golf Union, 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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