



**Surrey County Bowling Association
Honours Awards – Certificate of Merit
Guidelines as at 26th November 2015**

The **Certificate of Merit** acknowledges service to **Surrey County Bowling Association**. Such service will have been valued and respected, and will have contributed positively and added to the objectives, development and image of the County. The extent to which the County's reputation has been enhanced, whilst, perhaps over a shorter period than that required for other awards, will be taken into account.

Successful nominees will be awarded, at the next AGM, a suitably worded Certificate of Merit.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

In **submissions**,

- **the focus should be on SERVICE to the COUNTY**, not the Club; service to the Club may be recognised through the *Surrey Leopard Award*
- **those nominating** should provide
 - explicit facts on how the nominee has contributed to developing and enhancing the game of bowls and the wider image of the County
 - specific areas in which contributions have been made, for example, directly in County Bowls Administration, Council and related Committees, Coaching, and Recruitment, and/or indirectly using bowls as a conduit for assisting Charitable organisations

There are many ways in which a member can serve the Surrey County Bowling Association – all, undoubtedly, much valued. The award of a Certificate of Merit will be for added value contributions

- **as Officers and/or on Committees**
 - what has he done beyond the call of duty
 - what positive and significant difference to the County have his spells in *office* made
 - has the County moved forward as a result of his contributions
 - how has he actually helped bowls in the County and aided its development
- **in specialist capacities such as recruitment, coaching and umpiring**, taking into account
 - the level at which contributions are made
 - the nature and depth of the contributions
 - the extent to which contributions have enhanced the functioning, development and image of bowls in the County
- **in social matters**
 - providing a personal touch that reflects a caring and supportive Association

The above is not an exhaustive list; other factors may be taken into consideration. These are *Guidelines* – and, as such, will suggest what those nominating should be thinking about. As in all aspects of Honours Awards, there are important words to take into account –

**OUTSTANDING – SIGNIFICANT – QUALITY – RANGE – DEPTH – DEVELOPMENT - SERVICE – OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.
Surrey does have members who *fit the bill*, and the County wants to recognise and thank them.**

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