

3 HAMMERS' IAN WINS LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



Ian Bonser, owner of 3 Hammers Golf Complex and a committed volunteer in the game, was recognised at the England Golf Awards at the Royal Lancaster London with their Lifetime Service Award.

Hundreds of guests from across the sport applauded his contribution to golf over the last 32 years. England Golf Chief Executive Nick Pink said: "Ian is a pioneer. He's passionate about golf and has made an incredible impact at a local and national level. We're delighted to present him with this award."

Ian, a five-handicapper, learned golf as an 11 year old at 3 Hammers. By age 25 he owned the centre and had embarked on his plan to create "a place where young people and adults can pursue their dreams, aspirations and goals in a fun, accessible and affordable environment."

Over 32 years his ambition has touched countless people. Each year, over 200,000 people visit the Complex. In the last four years 30,000 adults and 10,000 juniors have had lessons at 3 Hammers. Thousands of pupils in 12 local schools are introduced to the sport.

3 Hammers has won awards, has started European Tour players on their journey and has supplied local golf clubs with a steady stream of keen, new members as well as investing over £1m to create a state of the art centre.

He's always looking for ways to reach out to the community. So, in June, 3 Hammers will fund prostate cancer tests for up to 1000 local men. Previously Ian's team has worked with the Wolverhampton Community Trust on a diabetes project and a scheme to help young offenders to use golf to transition back into society. Another project helps young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to build their confidence.

Ian commented: "This is a fabulous honour for me personally, but also for everyone that has worked at 3 Hammers over the years. I've been very fortunate to have worked with some great people, but none more so than the incredible team I have today. So a big thankyou to them all because I could not have done it without them."

