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TEAM WORK

A team of athletes with learning disabilities has received local recognition for all their sporting efforts and achievements.

The Special Olympics Brighton and Hove team have been shortlisted for the much sought after Sussex Sports Team of The Year Award.

The team train and compete in a number of sporting events including swimming, power lifting, 10-pin bowls, indoor bowls, golf and football.

The culmination of all their hard work and training came earlier in the year when the team took part in the Special Olympics GB Summer Games in Leicester.

The Games saw 2,700 athletes represent 19 Special Olympics regions across the UK. And the 21 athletes from the Special Olympics Brighton and Hove team came home with 23 medals including 8 golds.

Grace Eyre – a Brighton-based charity that provides a wide range of support to adults with learning disabilities – in partnership with Special Olympics Brighton and Hove coordinated training for the team of talented sportsmen and women.

Grace Eyre Director, Eva Jarvis commented: “We are delighted that the efforts of the athletes and the coaches have been recognised by the Sussex Sports Awards judges. As well as providing obvious health benefits, active participation in sport helps our service users to develop greater independence and self esteem. Nomination for this award takes this one step further.”

She continued “Our athletes are very competitive keen to win Sussex Team Of The Year on the 13th November.”

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Notes to editor

About Sussex Sports Awards

The Sussex Sports Awards aim to recognise the wealth of sporting talent, reward outstanding sporting achievements and applaud the contributions to sport across the county – whether from athletes, clubs coaches or volunteers.

The winner of Sussex Sports Team of The Year will be announced on Friday 13th November at the Hilton Brighton Metropole Hotel.

About Grace Eyre

Grace Eyre is a charity supporting people with learning disabilities to make the most of opportunities in their communities. It provides person centred services to 200 people, employs some 80 staff and is supported by over 50 volunteers. Its work covers East and West Sussex and the Brighton & Hove district.

For further information

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Special Olympic Brighton & Hove

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