

Husband-and-wife pair up for Liddell Recognition Award

A ceremony to present Eric Liddell Recognition Awards will take place in Edinburgh on Friday attended by HRH the Princess Royal.

Among the recipients will be Edinburgh AC's husband-and-wife duo John and Anne Scott, successfully nominated by Scottish Athletics in a citation which states:

"John and Anne are a dynamic duo, embodying the spirit of dedication and selflessness in the world of athletics. As husband and wife, they have spent decades coaching, inspiring, and mentoring athletes of all levels. Their passion for sports goes beyond just training; it's a deep commitment to fostering growth, both on and off the field. Week after week, they pour their time, energy, and knowledge into their athletes, ensuring each individual reaches their full potential.

"Their approach to coaching is holistic, understanding that success in athletics is not just about physical prowess but also about mental strength, discipline, and character development. John and Anne's unwavering support and encouragement have helped countless athletes achieve their goals, often surpassing their own expectations. They are more than just coaches; they are mentors, role models, and pillars of the community.

"What sets John and Anne apart is their selflessness. They have never sought recognition or accolades, though they are undoubtedly deserving of them. Instead, they focus on the

success and well-being of their athletes, often going above and beyond what is expected of a coach. Whether it's staying late to provide extra guidance, attending personal events to support their athletes, or offering life advice during tough times, John and Anne are always there.

"Their legacy is not just in the victories and medals their athletes have won, but in the lives they have touched and the positive impact they have made. Together, John and Anne have created a lasting legacy in the world of athletics, proving that true success comes from selfless dedication to others. They are, without a doubt, a dynamic duo whose influence will be felt for generations to come."

John Scott said: "Myself and Anne are absolutely honoured to have received an Eric Liddell Recognition Award having been nominated by Edinburgh Athletics Club. We feel incredibly privileged to be able to coach such impressive individuals, and all that we want is to see them succeed. Eric Liddell is a huge inspiration in the local area and we are proud to mentor those inspired by his legacy. To be recognised alongside such great people who have done so much is incredible and we are proud that we can have a positive impact on the lives of those that we work with."

Throughout 2024, The Eric Liddell 100 has worked with key partners to honour some of Scotland's most outstanding individuals in athletics, sports and community work, who have demonstrated The Eric Liddell 100 core values: passion, compassion, and integrity.

In partnership with Scottish Athletics, Scottish Rugby, Scottish Disability Sport, Youthlink Scotland and The Eric Liddell Community, 100 individuals have been awarded with 'Eric Liddell Recognition Awards'.

The awards provide a final opportunity to mark a special centenary year – it was in 1924 that Liddell won the 400

metres at the Paris Olympics after switching from his preferred distance to avoid competing on a Sunday – providing a platform to share Eric Liddell’s story and legacy to a new generation.

Organisers say: “As 2024 comes to an end, the work to secure Eric Liddell’s legacy will continue in future years.”



Eric Liddell – humility, passion, compassion, integrity.