

Gordon has a long history with local, regional, national and international netball. He is a keen supporter of grassroots netball and in 1974 was the founder of Sheffield Concord Netball Club, which remains a thriving club to this day.

His work as a volunteer has been phenomenal as an active umpire and as an administrator, specialising in Finance and Accounts. In 1977 he was appointed as the Treasurer of the All England Netball Association and held the role until 2004. During this time, netball saw many changes and thanks to his professional experience and expertise, Gordon was able to steer the AENA with his sound knowledge of finance and law.

Gordon was instrumental in establishing the AENA Youth Trust in 1984, which benefitted many young netballers, including National players, to further their netball opportunities.

In addition to being a volunteer administrator, Gordon found time to become England's first male A Award umpire, working at County level. For many years, he organised the Annual National Umpiring Conference for the top umpires in England.

Gordon was the AENA's Finance Director when England hosted the World Netball Championships in Birmingham, 1995.

Gordon's expertise was called upon by World Netball in 2003 to support the establishment of World Netball's Audit and Finance Committee, helping to write the committee's Terms of Reference and serving as member of the committee. He played a pivotal role at World Netball until 2015 completing three full terms of four years, ensuring that the financial procedures of the organisation were effective and in the best interests of the World Netball's Members. He led the development of many policies for World Netball including our first codes of conduct, whistle blower policy, safeguarding guidelines and equality and diversity policy.

Gordon was awarded Honorary Life Membership in 1989 for his service to England Netball, as well as the MBE for services to netball. In 2005 he was inducted into England Netball's Hall of Fame.

The World Netball Service Award is thoroughly deserved and a formal acknowledgement of Gordon's lifetime contribution to netball at every level.