

Joan Mills is currently the President of England Netball, having previously held the positions of Vice Chairman and Chairman. Her contribution as a volunteer to netball has been significant at the local, county, regional and national levels.

In 1985, Joan received the prestigious Torch Trust Trophy, a national award for volunteers in Sport at that time.

Joan was Joint Head of Support Services when England hosted the Netball World Championships in 1995, giving her her first “taste and thirst” for involvement in international netball. In 1996 she was Head of Delegation for England at the World Netball Youth Championships in Toronto, at the Netball World Championships in New Zealand in 1999 and at the INF Congress in Singapore in 2001. In the same year, Joan also took on the role of England Team Manager.

Such is Joan’s technical ability, she was appointed Netball Competition Manager at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in 2002, as well as International Technical Delegate for the World Youth Championships in Glasgow in 2013. She was appointed by World Netball as Technical Delegate for the Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2014 and again for the Netball World Cup in Liverpool 2019. Joan supported WN in the recruitment and induction of Ian Holloway as Technical Delegate for the Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022.

Joan has contributed to the development of England Netball’s historical archive and she leads the EN Roses supporters club.

Joan is an Honorary Life Member of England Netball, a Europe Netball Service Award Holder and was inducted into England Netball’s Hall of Fame in 2014.

For her outstanding contribution to netball, Joan was awarded the MBE in 2016. This latest award is without doubt thoroughly deserved for a lifetime of dedication to netball at every level of the sport.