**Carol Spencer recognised by European Netball Federation**

The European Netball Federation, Netball Europe, recently confirmed that in recognition of their outstanding service to the support and development of netball in the European Region, Carol Spencer and Alan Anderson, from England have been awarded the Netball Europe Service Award.

Paul Clark, Chief Executive of England Netball commented ‘*On behalf of* England Netball *I would like to congratulate Carol and Alan on their Award. The development of Europe has grown significantly over the last few years and that has been driven totally by the efforts and the energies of the volunteers like Carol and Alan. I am delighted that England Netball, through its volunteers, is playing an active role in the development of the region.’*

Carol Spencer, for those who do not know her, has had and is still having a long and illustrious career as a netball volunteer.

Carol started as a player at Long Eaton School when she came to Derbyshire trials in 1971 and remained a member of the squad until the 1980s. When she was still a player she took an active part in the running of Derbyshire Netball, as fixture secretary and manager as well as helping with fundraising and weekly training sessions.

It was no surprise when in 1993 she was selected as England Manager to work with Liz Broomhead who was promoted from England Under 18 coach to National Senior Coach – an all Derbyshire Management Squad! She served as the England Manager for five years, her last duties for England Netball in South Africa and Namibia.

Her tremendous organisational skills and knowledge of competitions has meant that she has worked in competition for Derbyshire, East Midlands and England. This level of knowledge and dedication brought her to the attention of Netball Europe where she was asked to be a member of the Netball Europe Technical Group with responsibility for the planning and delivery of the Netball Europe Under 17, Under 19, Under 21 and Open Championships.

It is for this work that she received this acknowledgement and special honour of a Netball Europe Special Award. Well done Carol!