



Brian rewarded for Making A Difference

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Table tennis volunteer Brian Kerr has been honoured for his work with the BAT Foundation charity.

Brian, who has volunteered at the last two National Championships, has won two awards from his employer Arriva.

A bus driver based at Ash Grove in London, Brian was highly commended in the company's national MAD (Making a Difference) Awards and received his award last month.

His award was in the 'Giving' category for his work with the BAT Foundation, which is pioneering table tennis as a therapy for Alzheimer's.

On top of the award, he was also given an Arriva Community Action Gold Award in recognition of the contribution he has made. Arriva will donate a £1,000 cheque to BAT as a result.

Brian regularly attends events in the UK, hosting games and explaining the therapeutic potential of table tennis.

"I chose to get involved with the BAT Foundation because it is such a fantastic charity, and the work they do is just phenomenal," he said.

"I stopped playing table tennis for over 20 years. One day, I visited Bounce Ping Pong in Chancery Lane and saw an array of tables. My heart immediately was excited. I found out about the charity, and decided it was a good opportunity to get involved.

"I decided I would not get back to entering competitions, but thought I would love to give my contribution to the sport.

"For me the perfect solution was to join BAT, attend their events and perform the exhibitions. It is a fabulous way I find to give something back to the sport."

Brian is currently the featured volunteer on the Table Tennis England website.

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