Award for Pat & Jimmy Green from ECCA 20 May 2011

Congratulations to Pat & Jimmy Green who have had their dedication to the sport recognised by the honour of being made Life Members of the ECCA at the Annual Meeting on 7th May 2011.



In the citation ECCA Chairman John Temperton said 'they have set a standard and commitment that few exceed for more years than they probably care to remember, being available to do any job, no matter at what level but also ensuring the succession through the recruitment, encouragement and mentoring of endurance officials and team managers.'

Pat in particular has been involved in every discipline at every level, her roles have included GB selector, GB Junior Team Manager, AAA Board member, NoEAA Chairman and just about everything else that it is possible

to do in athletics including giving out numbers and making sure refreshments are always available. Her commitment to the sport has been total and she is still deeply

involved in such areas as the organisation of the annual UK Cross Challenge event in Liverpool and the education of Endurance officials.

Whether she has been working as a Team Manager, Committee Chair or Field Referee, Pat has always shown her love of the sport and the people in it and has created a legacy through her involvement with, and mentoring of athletes, team managers and officials. It is impossible to list all her achievements, suffice it to say that no one is more deserving.

Early on in their marriage Jimmy decided that 'if you can't beat them, you'd better join them' and he has supported Pat in every way

throughout her long and successful career in athletics and has subsequently risen through the ranks of volunteers to become a Track Referee, Northern Athletics Board Member and President; UK track assessor and Level 5 Endurance Official whilst also finding time to fix broken hurdles, pole vault stands and a myriad other mainly unrewarded repair and maintenance jobs on tracks and equipment throughout the North. Jim's dry sense of humour, technical knowledge, love of the sport and sardonic eyebrow raises have endeared him to the athletics fraternity.

All of us at Northern Athletics are delighted that the ECCA has bestowed this honour on both of them and we look forward to seeing Pat & Jim at (every) event in the North for many years to come. The Chairman and Executive Board would like to add their thanks to both of them for the fantastic amount of work they have done on behalf of the North over many years.