

Ronnie Ball Award

Name	Lydia Noble
Location	West Yorkshire
Award Granted	Gold
Date	November 2010

Summary of application

Lydia Noble (15) from Shepley near Huddersfield was presented with the Ronnie Ball Gold Award at the recent AGM of the Dry Stone Walling Association for her outstanding achievements in dry stone walling. Lydia learnt her walling skills on the family farm from an early age and, at the age of just 14, achieved her Initial dry stone walling certificate. Lydia has helped train a group of her peers at school, entered and won competitions at local shows and gone European by interacting with a group of young French wallers who attended the International Dry Stone Walling Congress held at the University of Cumbria Ambleside campus in September. Lydia is now a committee member of the West Yorkshire branch of the DSWA and is hoping to take a 2-year Countryside Management Course at Kirklees College. Lydia would like to work towards the higher qualifications in dry stone walling and ultimately become a professional waller.



Seen here receiving her certificate with Lord Cavendish of Furness (DSWA President), Alan Devonport (DSWA Chairman) and Syd Mitchell (Ronnie Ball Award Coordinator).