



**BRITISH  
WEIGHT  
LIFTING**

## **John & Joyce Sheard**

**IPC Technical Officials for Two Decades**

**BWL Technical Officials (1991 - Present)**

**BWL Volunteers (1983- Present)**

**Wheel Power Volunteers (1980 - Present)**



In 2020 John & Joyce Sheard were honoured with the Louis Martin lifetime achievement award, named after the late 4x World Weightlifting Champion, for their service to the UK Para Powerlifting community.

Since 1980 they have volunteered for the Wheel Power charity by helping at the iconic Stoke Mandeville Stadium. After a couple of years of service, they were invited to join the British Weightlifting Association for the Disabled (BWAD) serving in various administrative capacities.

In the early 90's they became licensed technical officials and have since travelled across the globe officiating at numerous international events, Commonwealth Games and Paralympics. In 2021 they retired from international events and received a signed letter each from IPC President Andrew Parsons

Domestically they have been an integral pillar for para powerlifting by assisting BWL events at all levels across the country and the sport would not be in the place it is today without their hard work and dedication.