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Shining light at Lads club gets top award

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PAUL Sellers has given hundreds of hours of his own time to help local young people get their lives on track.

And now Mr Sellers, aged 50, has been honoured with his own award.

He started volunteering at Bolton Lads and Girls Club in 2006. Since then he has given more than 1,000 hours of his time to the Lads and Girls Club mentoring scheme, despite also working full time as the manager at H Samuel in Rochdale.

Mr Sellers was given the mentor recognition award at this year's North of England Mentoring and Befriending Recognition Awards.

He said: "I was extremely surprised to receive the award.

"You do what you do and hope it's right.

"I'm delighted to have been put forward for it."

Mr Sellers was inspired to volunteer for the club's mentoring scheme after marrying his second wife, Elaine, who already had three children, Ashleigh, Daniel and Christopher.

"They have turned out really well, and I'm really proud of them," he said.

"The Freemasons were asking for volunteers, and I thought if I could help someone else have



PROUD MOMENT: Joanne Duffy, mentor manager at Bolton Lads and Girls club, presents Paul Sellers with his award for his mentoring work at the club

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a better life I would give it a go.”

Since then he has helped young people, and says the most important thing about the role is to be a good listener and “not to let them down”.

Mr Sellers, who lives in Bury, urged anyone who was thinking of volunteering as a mentor to step forward.

“There are so many different people who need mentoring that you don’t need any particular special skills,” he said.

“The satisfaction at the end when it comes to a natural finish that you have helped someone is unbelievable.

“We’re all very quick to take from life, but how much do we really give back?”

Joanne Duffy, mentoring manager at Bolton Lads and Girls Club, added: “Everyone at Bolton Lads and Girls Club is delighted Paul has won this prestigious award.

“He has all the qualities that a good mentor needs.

“He’s enthusiastic, passionate and dedicated, and so it’s fantastic he has been recognised in this way.

“Well done Paul.”



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