

Friday 16th October 2026

Billingham Synthonia Theatre Suite, Belasis Ave, Stockton on Tees, Billingham, TS23 1LH
Doors open 6.00pm) (Buffet opens 6.30pm) (MB Awards promptly start 7.30pm)

The MB Awards started in 2006 after Michael Benson who had Spinal Muscular Atrophy sadly passed away two months before his 16th birthday. His friends felt that Michael should be remembered for his achievements. He was a wheelchair user who approached his life with enthusiasm and determination he wanted to try everything, often suggesting to adapt activities so that others could participate.

Michael was then and is now an inspiration and his memory will live on through these Awards

SNAPS are pleased to be able to hold the 19th MB Awards ceremony this year.

Due to demand please give others who have not previously been nominated the opportunity to receive an Award. To ensure this, could nominees only be nominated in only one of the four categories?

Nomination forms are attached and the categories are:

- Personal Achievement:** Any skill or development achieved by a child/ young person with a disability or additional need.
- Sporting Achievement:** Any child/young person with a disability or additional need who has achieved a new sporting skill or has joined a sports centre.
- Supporting Someone:** A young person or adult who has been a good support to a child/young person with a disability or additional need or their family members.
- Teamwork:** A group of young people for working well together.

The Nomination form should contain information about how the nominated person or team has made the achievement or helped someone in a supporting role.

We would like to limit the nomination to 50 words, as each nomination is read out and this takes time!

All nominations and booking form **must** reach us by **Friday 25th September 2026**

Nominations reaching us after this date will sadly not be able to be included in this year's MB Awards

Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Please return all nominations and booking forms to Ruth Benson by hand/post/email to
16, Hillside Road, Norton, TS20 1JG or e mail to r.benson4@ntlworld.com**

You may still be able attend the MB awards without nominating or being nominated.

**Booking is essential as we need to know the total number attending for catering and fire regulation purposes.
Sadly you will not be allowed entrance on the night if you have not already booked with SNAPS.**

If you would like to attend, just fill in the following slip and return to Ruth Benson contact details above

We (name).....Would like to attend the MB Awards on 16th October 2026.
There will be..... (Number of all people in your party including person nominated)

Contact no.....email address.....

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I would like to nominate: _____

Their contact details are: _____

The category I am nominating in is _____
(Personal Achievement, Sporting Achievement, Supporting Someone, Teamwork.)

This is why they deserve an MB Award (up to 50 words)

Signed _____ Date _____

Is the nominated person/team aware of the nomination? The date of the event?

And that they must book with **SNAPS** by post, phone or email ?

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