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Mike Cottrell wins award for his outstanding contribution to OMSCo

Kent dairy farmer, Mike Cottrell, has been awarded for his outstanding technical contribution to OMSCo (the Organic Milk Suppliers Cooperative) at the cooperative's AGM. For over 20 years, Mike has led the progression of technical research and development at OMSCo with enthusiasm and passion and was presented with the Chairman's Award last week.

This inaugural award was presented in recognition of his commitment to the technical committee, of which he was chairman for 10 years. "Mike has always had a passion for the progression of technical research and development in the dairy industry, his support has enabled OMSCo to develop new markets which otherwise would have remained closed," says Lyndon Edwards, vice chairman of OMSCo, who presented the award.

Mike has been a prominent member of OMSCo since the early years, and since 2001, he has also been a significant asset to the board and since 2005 he chaired the technical committee, giving time and support to OMSCo members equally.

"He's always been at the forefront of the dairy industry when it comes to technical support and innovation," says Lyndon.

During his time on the committee Mike's key topics of research included soil investigation and trace element research. "He'll always be admired for pushing OMSCo forward with a technical vision, and helping members along the way."

Mike is still heavily involved at home, Commonworks Farm, Chiddingstone, which is an organic dairy farm and study centre, combining education programmes with social enterprise.