

Sensei Andy Sherry 8th Dan

Andy Sherry started Karate in 1959 and received his Shodan in 1966 from Sensei Enoeda.

In 1967 he became the first British All-style Kumite Champion at the Empire Pool, Wembley and won the EAKF All-Styles European Kumite title in 1968, and then went on to win other Individual European Championship titles and countless team events as a member of British and England teams.

Although recognised internationally as a fighter he achieved many successes in Kata in European and National Championships until his retirement from competition in 1977.

In 1966, along with a small group of representatives from other UK Karate clubs, he helped form the Karate Union of Great Britain and in 1973 he was elected as Chairman.

He was awarded the rank of 8th Dan by the KUGB in February 2004.

His coaching and management of the KUGB National Squad reached its peak at Sunderland in 1990, when the KUGB British Team defeated Japan to win the World Shotokan Karate Championships. Since then, the KUGB has taken first, third and second place Team titles at the 1991, 1993, and 1995 World Shotokan Karate Association championships respectively.

He has been member of the Directing Committee of the English Traditional Karate Body since its formation in 2000 and is now working as a member of the Whole Sports Plan Implementation Board on the unification and modernisation of Karate in England.

Quiet by nature, he is totally dedicated to Karate with a passion that is an inspiration to others.