

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

History

The Community Awards were created in 2007 to honour those local individuals that contribute to the life of the village. Awards have been given over the years for people acting as an individual or for a significant contribution they have made as part of a group.

The recipients of Community Awards are as follows:

2023

River Hart Sanctuary – started as River Hart Horses 10 years ago and has evolved over this time to focus on the wellbeing of both humans and horses. The sanctuary supports members of the local community by providing a safe-haven and helping them to deal with anxiety in an outdoor environment. This is a hidden gem of an organisation run by amazing volunteers in all weathers every day of the year with costs covered by fundraising and donations.

Simon Carter – puts his energy into inspiring young cricketers in the village. This year he has coached the Under 9 girls, Under 9 Boys, Under 11 Boys and the Women's team.

Joss Peat – instigated The Fairy Door on Oak Common. The children (and adults) walking past the door see the inspirational words that 'The Chief Fairy' (Joss) puts inside the door. On the Hartley Wintney Village Facebook site, Joss has received over 200 positive comments thanking her for creating the Fairy Door for everyone to enjoy.

Jenny Gillatt – gives the Community Bus a minimum of two days a week as a volunteer assistant. She is loved by all the users of the bus and is always cheerful, friendly and caring. She puts in so much effort as a volunteer and at Christmas buys small but meaningful gifts for all the passengers.

Maralyn Aikman – has worked in Tesco Express for many years giving an excellent friendly service to all the customers, she is now using a walking frame but still working and stacking shelves.

Rob Cook (Cookie) - gives continued commitment to providing excellent coaching to the children of Hartley Wintney. Rob is and has always been a great coach particularly on a Friday night with the younger children in the development squad. In the past three seasons he has also stepped in to oversee the establishment and development of the ladies' team. He supports the ladies 110% and is committed to seeing a hardball ladies team established to provide a proper pathway for young girls to be able to remain playing hardball cricket within the village.

Laura Gibbons - has given a huge amount of time and commitment to the Hartley Wintney Cricket Club over many years. She has been pivotal in growing the club - particularly the ladies and girls sections. She regularly helps out with the ladies team (helping coach, score and umpire) and does a lot of behind the scenes admin and organising. She organised a hugely successful ladies tournament in the summer which was attended by several local teams and raised money for the club. She has also organised a mixed ladies and girls festival this year to help inspire and encourage our younger players. She also coaches the Boys Under 11 team and is often around to help out with any last minute coaching requests from other junior sections. Furthermore, she has forged links with Greenfields School and provided taster coaching sessions to encourage more children into cricket.

Mandy Smith – was nominated for an award her service to Hartley Wintney outside of her role as Community Bus Administrator for the Parish Council, despite not being a resident here. Mandy frequently offers support, comfort, and guidance to many of our more vulnerable residents, going out on home visits, regularly checking in on them and offering support/guidance where needed. Mandy is a kind, compassionate and caring person, we feel very lucky to have her as part of the community.

Emma Jackson – is an incredibly devoted volunteer to Girlguiding having given her time every week and more since 2004. She currently runs local Brownie and Rainbow groups and works tirelessly to provide girls with fun, exciting experiences every week. In addition to the weekly meetings, she

helped organise a Brownie pack holiday in April 2023 for 25 girls from Hartley Wintney, giving them the chance to spend the weekend in the New Forest taking part in adventurous activities.

2022

The Hedgehog Cabin – for providing a valued resource to help protect one of our most important native mammals. The volunteers rescue, rehabilitate and care for any sick or injured hedgehogs but they also educate the public on their care and welfare.

Andrew Ewbank – for involvement in all manner of community benefitting activities – the football and cricket club, Scouts and St John's church, to name a few and he goes above and way beyond in every aspect!

Natalie Carey - has volunteered for Girlguiding in the village for many years - first with Brownies, then with Guides. More recently, she has worked with the 4th Bramshill Scout Group in her capacity as a Guide Leader for the benefit of all the young people in the organisations. She is an invaluable part of the team, bringing her warmth and enthusiasm every single time.

Neta Allan – previously worked for the NHS for 44 years. Over the years, Neta has been extremely generous with her knowledge and experience to help all her neighbours and friends. They have all benefited enormously from her kindness.

Andy Morris – is a long serving member of the HW Heritage Society Committee and has written / published two books centred on Hartley Wintney during the Victorian Era. In addition to this, Andy has played a significant role in putting together the important draft Conservation Area Review for 2022.

Debbie Humphries – for her work at Oakwood Preschool, having worked there for 20 years next year. She is a consummate professional and incredible with the children. She regularly goes above and beyond in her role to create a fantastic environment for the kids.

John Humphries – our local lollipop man, does his job expertly and always with a smile on his face. He is always reliably there and cheery with everyone that he helps cross the busy roads. It is wonderful to have an ambassador like him seen in our village every day.

Andy Ross - an avid member of the Hartley Wintney Cricket Club and a vital contributor to the success of The Lucy Pygott Centre and the grounds. Andy's positive approach to overcoming the many obstacles faced during this project and continued drive to collaborate with all parties, has been key in achieving strong partnerships between our local Clubs and Hartley Wintney Parish Council.

Ken and June Shorey - many parishioners will attest to the various projects Ken and June are involved in at St John's Church and beyond. However, they have both been particularly nominated for the tireless work they do for Hart Foodbank.

2020/2021

Derek Smee - For his dedication to maintaining and keeping the Victoria Hall complex a safe space and wonderful asset to the village.

Sarah Sherwood- For her proactive citizenship through consistent and continued litter picking efforts that have kept the village looking tidy.

2019

Barbara Smee - has run several village events for the Victoria Hall Charity for many years.

Paul Leader, Rory Wells, Claire Staniforth and Philly Wood – the Explorer Scout and Network Leaders provide support to our local Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. They are a great support to the Rotary for events such as the Village Festival.

Hartley Wintney Junior Football Club - the club and its group of dedicated volunteers put many hours into providing grass roots football in Hartley Wintney. There are currently over 300 junior members in teams from U6's to U18's.

John Carlisle – in his role as 'Skip', leading the 4th Bramshill Scouts Wednesday evening troop. His leadership, management, preparation and the variety and creativity he demonstrates, is recognised by the Scouts themselves, his fellow leaders, the parents, and the wider Scouting community.

Connie Cockcroft – received a new **LIFETIME AWARD**. Connie has lived in Hartley Wintney for some 50 years. She is in her 90's and is still actively involved in several organisations.

2018

Martin Barnes and Alan Giles - marked the 100th anniversary of the death of every person on the war memorial with a special bell tolling on their centenary.

Lynda Ellis - for attending every bell tolling in all weathers, setting a candle and poppy by each name, recording and posting on social media to remember those from Hartley Wintney killed in WW1.

Alison Barnes and John Elliott – for researching every one of our WW1 soldier's history.

Steven Bartlett - will receive the Queens Long Service & Good Conduct medal for 20 years' service at Hartley Wintney Fire Station.

Dave Bartlett - celebrates 25 years of service at Hartley Wintney Fire Station.

George Davey – for running the Hartley Wintney Facebook page and Twitter site and keeping members of the community apprised of what is going on. George also sits on the Victoria Hall committee and has been very actively involved in running many events to raise funds for the halls and make the under 50s feel involved in village life.

Luke Mullen & Elayne Duddridge - for their dedication and commitment to Hartley Wintney Football Club for 30+ years. Luke was a player and now as Chairman has overseen Hartley Wintney's promotion to their highest ever league position Elayne has been at his side throughout, managing club administration, growth and expansion.

2017

Lesley Parish – for her active participation in village life including as a founding member of Hartley Arts Group, Young Stars and as a costume maker.

Marjorie Perratt – for her role as the Victoria Hall Charity's Secretary, extensive fund raising, the Literary Lunches and for over 15 years dedication to the Charity.

Clare Blake – for many years' involvement with Contact (9 years as editor), dedication to Girlguiding in the area and assistance with music at Greenfields Junior School.

2016

Penny Peregrine – for commitment to supporting those who are living alone or in need of extra assistance and for work with the British Legion committee.

Jean Price – for the major contribution to many different areas of community life, including the WI, Trefoil, Over 55s forum, Rosefield Court and U3A.

Ian & Jane Robertson – for helping to keep our village free of litter.

2015

Beverley Gall – for extensive research into the parish war memorials.

Roy Sutton – for more than 30 years as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

Marie Walton – for many years supporting the community and specifically Meals on Wheels, Rosie Minibus and as a committee member of Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group.

Simon Wood – for 10 years as Chair of Hartley Wintney Junior Football Club.

Denise James-Crook – for long service as Secretary of the Hartley Wintney Junior Football Club.

2014

Penny & Andrew Ewbank - for the wide range of work they do within the village to benefit others. In particular, the Christmas Day lunch for the elderly who would otherwise be on their own, supporting the local schools, youth football and the St John's Church community.

Wanda Tucker - an active member of the community in many ways including as a District Councillor, involvement with the Hartley Wintney Youth Club, the Victoria Hall Charity, Hartley Arts Group and Twinning. Also, as a founder member of the Hartley Wintney Preservation Society. Her wide range of creative talents have been utilised most notably to hand-draw the historic village map.

Feargal O'Ceallaigh - for bringing local Dad's together, including organising the annual 'Dads' and Kids' camping trip. Feargal is dedicated to supporting young people.

Daphne Weal - for work in many areas of the community, pastoral, organisation of coffee mornings, soup lunches, Sunday lunches and as part of the Over 55s Forum committee, assisting with all their events and organising charity fundraising events.

Bob Jeavons Fellows – for 20 years as President of the Hartley Wintney Cricket Club. Bob has been instrumental in organising Benefit Matches, which have now evolved into a full weekend of events. The club has grown in the number of senior sides, youth and women's cricket. It has won the Guy Jewell Cup and Aylward Cup several times and been runners up on many occasions. The club has become a major village venue all year round, not just in the cricket season. Bob's enthusiasm and commitment, whether it's preparing the ground or painting the clubhouse, has helped develop the youth of the village.

2013

Chris Francis – for his efforts in the creation of the Jubilee Hall.

Richard Jones – for his tireless work on behalf of the boys and girls that have gone through Scouts in recent years, giving them some fabulous experiences within the community and away on Scout Camps. Also, in recognition of his generous giving of time and sponsorship of both Oakwood and Greenfields Schools.

Chris Cornwell – for the enormous amount of work he has undertaken being a champion for older people in the Parish through the Over 55s Forum and the Care Group.

Ian Stephenson – for his commitment in all weathers keeping Causeway Pond in good repair and looking after the birds (despite cantankerous Colin the Goose!).

2012

Tony Davies - for his long service as a Victoria Hall Trustee and fundraiser, particularly, his involvement in their film nights. Also, as a long-standing member and former chairman of Hartley Arts Group, past chairman of the Twinning Association and poppy money counter for the Royal British Legion.

Ron Rooney – for his long-standing service as volunteer caretaker of the WI hut. Ron has also latterly become a familiar figure to many as their IT saviour, volunteering his time to help residents with computer issues and assisting older residents with the digital switchover.

Gail Bethell – for her work with village youth, the Annual Hartley Wintney Fun Run, Beavers and cycling proficiency for Greenfields School.

Graham Gillies – for his work with the Rosefield Day Care Centre and his efforts compiling and publishing the first editions of the Hartley Wintney Wellbeing brochure.

2011

Major Rupert Catt – for his service to the village as Chairman of the Hartley Wintney branch of the Royal British Legion and volunteer driver of the Rosie-Minibus.

Rev Shirley Morris – for her dedicated pastoral work and assistance to the needy and vulnerable in the Parish and the founding of Naomi's Watch for Hartley Wintney.

Ron Scudder – for dedicated service as the village milkman for over 15 years and particularly his assistance to residents during the bad weather over the last two winters.

Ken Sheppard – for long service to Hartley Wintney Cricket Club, Hartley Wintney Football Club, Hartley Wintney Golf Club and the Village Ball.

Janet Kelly – for over 20 years' service to Oakwood School.

Claire Crickmore – for her role running the Hartley Wintney Under 5s.

2010

Philip Hatt - for his work promoting St Mary's Church, his voluntary work for the Parish Council at the burial ground and his continuing work on the history of Hartley Wintney, as featured in Contact.

Colin Horwood - for his long, dedicated service to Hartley Wintney Fire Station.

Jean Amos - for her work promoting St Mary's Church and her inspiration and organisation of the inaugural Advent Service. Also, her work with the Parish Plan, the Victoria Hall Charity, the Twinning Association and U3A.

2009

Jenny Seddon - for her contribution to village life, through her work with Oakwood School, the Baptist Church and family involvement in the Scout movement.

Chris Stanley - for his contribution to the village, with many years of commitment to Hartley Wintney Football and Cricket Clubs and a founder member of U3A.

John Collman - for his major input into the Hartley Wintney Parish Plan, the Dilly Lane Action Group and continuing advice on local environmental issues.

Ron Osborne - for his contribution over many years to Rosefield Day Centre and minibus, the action committee and a founder member of the Twinning Association.

2008

Julie Roberts - for her contribution to village life through her work with Oakwood and Greenfields Schools.

Ray Shipman - for his contribution to Hartley Wintney Football Club and commitment to the development of youth football in the village.

Roy Sutton - for his dedicated leadership of Neighbourhood Watch in Hartley Wintney.

Pat Vaughan - for dedication and long service as Parish Clerk.

2007

Christine Toms – for her work, and her leadership of, Hartley Wintney Action Group.

Jill Lincoln - for her contribution to the work of Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group.