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Thank you for your request for information received on 20 May 2022 concerning:

Can you please share nomination statements for the winners of Bexley Civic Recognition awards 2022? What did they get their awards for?.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the information requested is held by the London Borough of Bexley. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

RYAN WILLIAMS

Ryan Williams for Voluntary Service in the Young People Category and he was nominated by Kris Cottier.

Ryan is a diligent and dedicated cadet in the Royal Air Force and his contribution is entirely voluntary. He has shown great promise since the day he joined, he is motivated and has a clear idea in which direction he is heading.

SEREN PHILLIPS

Seren Phillips for Voluntary Service in the Young People Category and she was nominated by Councillor Nicola Taylor.

Seren started litter picking when she was just five years old when she noticed that there was a lot of rubbish in the park when she visited. During lockdown, she made it part of her daily routine to collect litter. Not long after, her mum created a Facebook Page called the Crayford Little Pickers and the group has grown and grown. Her little brother Rhys Phillips is just as dedicated as Seren and he is also with her to collect her award.

SHIMIN HOANG

Shimin Hoang for Voluntary Service in the Young People Category and she was nominated by Dean Gardiner

Shimin joined the St John Ambulance as a badger and has worked her way to cadet member, cadet corporal and cadet sergeant within the unit. During 2021, Shimin became one of a small number of cadets who assisted in the training of the 30.000 volunteer vaccinators recruited by St John Ambulance.

LAURENCE BUSH

Laurence Bush for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Nicholas Grant.

Laurence has been a volunteer with the 3rd Sidcup Scouts since 1988 and during this long period of time he has been part of the varying leadership team of the very active and popular Scout Group. This involved organising weekly programmes, outdoor activities and challenges.

ADAM CHARLES

Adam Charles for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Nicholas Grant.

Adam began his volunteering leadership roles in 1994 as an assistant Beaver Scout Leader with the 2nd Sidcup – St John's – Scout Group where he had once been a young member. As part of the leadership team, he enabled many of the beavers to reach their full potential by developing a variety of skills for life through active and varied programmes.

GURU NANAK SEVA

Guru Nanak Seva for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Councillor Nicola Taylor.

In Punjabi, Seva means selfless service and that is exactly what the Guru Nanak Seva team do. Every week they provide free street food in Erith Town Centre. They regularly feed around sixty people a week and are much appreciated by the residents of Erith. They fund this themselves and prepare and cook the food throughout the day so that it is hot when it is served in the evening.

ERITH THEATRE GUILD

Erith Theatre Guild for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Councillor Nicola Taylor.

Erith is very proud of its Theatre and its shows are much loved and well attended. All the actors, musicians and backstage staff are all volunteers and they dedicate many hours to bring exceptional shows to the community. The Erith Theatre Guild was formed in 1943 and has around two hundred members, young and old.

DONNA BROWN

Donna Brown for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Kris Cottier.

Warrant Officer Donna Brown has been a dedicated member of the Air Training Corps since 1995. Despite her own difficulties, she continues to devote her time and energy to the benefit of the cadets. She is constantly striving to get the best from the cadets in her charge and has sustained a positive effect in the lives of the young people she has worked with.

SIXTH SIDCUP SCOUT GROUP

Sixth Sidcup Scout Group for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Alison Craske.

This scout group works across different sections of the scout movement, nurturing their young members and helping them to develop skills and independence. During the covid pandemic, they held zoom meetings, face to face meetings, when permitted, and managed summer camp last year where the dedicated leaders, cubs and scouts, were not deterred by the wettest summer week of the holidays ever!

ELAINE FERMER

Elaine Fermer for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Fred Vidler.

Elaine has been a volunteer leader with the 2nd Erith Scout Group for almost 22 years. She became an assistant leader with one of the two beaver scout colonies in the group, before taking over as leader of the other colony in 1998. During this period, many young people have benefitted from the commitment, time and energy that Elaine has put into scouting.

ELAINE LAWRENCE

Elaine Lawrence for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Fred Vidler.

Elaine has volunteered to help the Beaver Scout Colony of the 16th Erith Scout Group since 1997 and has remained a member of the group ever since. She only stepped down from the role a few years ago but remains a member of the group's executive management committee responsible as a charity trustee in overseeing the running of the group as a whole.

LESLEY ROBERTS

Lesley Roberts for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Fred Vidler.

When Lesley's son joined the 13th Erith Beavers at Christ Church in 1998, she took up the invitation of volunteering to help out the colony whenever she could. Lesley gradually became part of the permanent leadership team and assistant leader, accepting the values and principles in scouting. She was happy to go into uniform and undertake the required training to provide her with the necessary tools and support to assist her.

MELVIN ELLIS

Melvin Ellis for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Julie Fuller.

Melvin has achieved a remarkable 23 years' service to Hockey in the Borough. During this time, he has been a committed volunteer as the London Youth Games Team Manager for the Bexley Girls Hockey Team, supporting countless players. Melvin is also a member of the Bexley hockey development group as treasurer and coach for the junior development centre.

PAMELA TOSSELL

Pamela Tossell for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Richard Willgoss.

Pamella has been a volunteer leader with the 2nd Erith Scout Group since 1996. She is part of an enthusiastic and committed leadership team and has seen many young cubs reach their full potential by developing a variety of skills for life through the varied activities provided by herself and the team

TRACY MAY

Tracy May for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Richard Willgoss.

Tracy first became involved as a volunteer leader with the 5th Bexleyheath Cub Scout Pack in 1998 at St Peter's Church, running one of the most successful and over-subscribed Cub Packs in Bexleyheath. Through the active and varied programmes provided by Tracy, a large number of cubs were able to reach their full potential, developing skills for life.

MATTHEW COOPER

Matthew Cooper for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Patricia Riddle.

Following his own enjoyable and beneficial experience as a young member of the movement, in 1997, Matthew volunteered to become a leader with the 3rd Barnehurst Cub Scouts. Here he assisted in the running and organisation of the active cub pack, passing on his skills and knowledge to the younger members of the group

DEBORAH COONEY

Deborah Cooney for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Patricia Riddle.

It was in 1995 when Debbie volunteered to lead the Beaver Scout Colony at the 1st Blendon Scout Group and she continued in that role for the next 14 years when sadly the group had to close. It was such to Debbie's dedication to scouting that she moved to the nearby 1st Brigden Group, where she took on the role of Scout Leader and continued to enthuse the young people with her passion.

SUSAN HAZELL

Suzan Hazell for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Patricia Riddle.

Susan has been a volunteer leader with the 5th and 7th Bexleyheath Scout Group since 1995. It is true to say that, during this time, she has been an integral part of many young people's lives in reaching their full potential, developing a variety of skills by gaining activity badges and progress awards.

BARBARA GILL

Barbara Gill for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Patricia Riddle.

Barbara has been a volunteer leader with the 4th Barnehurst Scout Group since 1994 where she has been involved in the provision of active scouting for both the Beaver and Cub Scouts. Over this time a large number of young people have benefitted from the time and commitment Barbara has extended to them, to ensure they enjoy the fun and adventures that scouting offers.

DAVID DOWNHAM

David Downham for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Councillor Nigel Betts.

It was following a family camp with his son that David joined the Executive Committee of the 7th Welling Falconwood Scout Group and subsequently volunteered to take on the very important role of treasurer. That was in 1989 and he remains in that position today. David is a significant member of the group, making a consistent contribution to its management, supporting the group and its leaders.

LEN WARREN

Len Warren for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Councillor Nigel Betts

Len became involved with the very large and active 1st East Wickham Scout Group when he volunteered to take on the role of Group Chairman in 1990. As well as chairing the executive committee as charity trustee, Len also worked closely with the group scout leader and was very supportive of him and all the leaders in encouraging them with their scouting activities.

KEITH THOMSON

Keith Thomson for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Councillor Nigel Betts.

Having enjoyed and benefitted from his own time as a scout, it was inevitable that Keith would volunteer as a Leader, and, in 1986, he started helping with the 7th Welling Falconwood Scouts. As well as being involved in the running of the weekly meetings for this active and popular scout group, many camping adventures and other outdoor activities were organised by Keith.

ANGELA FORD

Angela Ford for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Luke Cashin.

Angela first volunteered as a leader with the Old Bexley Scout Group in 1987 when she took on the role of assistant Beaver Scout Leader helping the six- and seven-year-olds. Many of these youngsters will have benefitted from the fun and enjoyment provided by her enthusiasm and dedication.

SANDRA MACKIE

Sandra Mackie for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Luke Cashin.

Sandra first became involved with the 4th Sidcup Holy Trinity Scout Group in 1986, a role she continued with for the next 25 years. During that time, many young people have benefitted from her passion and enthusiasm for scouting where she took an active role in running and organising various activities and events in addition to the vibrant weekly meetings.

ANNE RAWLINGS

Anne Rawlings for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Hilary Haslam.

Anne has served the community throughout the fifty plus years that she has lived in Barnehurst. For over 40 years she was an active guide and ranger leader, then commissioner within Girlguiding. Many young people have benefitted from her voluntary service and church clubs. She has raised funds for McMillan and was recently awarded a certificate for being one of their longest serving and highest fundraisers.

SARAH TAME

Sarah Tame for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Father Mark Blakely, your Chaplain.

Sarah has been a leader at Holy Trinity Lamorbey for Guides and Beavers for forty years. Generations of young women have been inspired and cared for by Sarah, Father Mark has told us she has such energy and love for all. She also cares for her six-year-old niece who has a disability and brings her to church each week. Sarah is also a science teacher at Wilmington Boys Grammar School.

MICHAEL NORRIS

Michael Norris for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Neil Thomas.

Michael is the current officer commanding of 1579 squadron Air Force Air Cadets based in Erith, a post he has held for the last three years, although he has been involved with the air cadets for almost 30 years. He has helped develop hundreds of young people in Bexley with many of them going on to further education and many joining our armed services.

ST AUGUSTINES PRE-SCHOOL BELVEDERE

St Augustine's Pre-School Belvedere for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Father Clive Jones.

The pre-school has operated in the church hall for over 35 years as an independent charity and have provided outstanding care for so many children who are much loved and valued in the community. The staff are very caring towards local families and hugely supportive of their multi-ethnic and sometimes deprived families.

RICHARD CULLEN

Richard Cullen for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Nicole Porter.

Richard has been running a karate club for the last twenty plus years and during this period he has given up so much of his own time to support young people and their families in the community. This has led to many being awarded their black belts in karate. Richard has sacrificed many of his own family commitments in order for others to achieve.

AMANDA WIXON

Amanda Wixon for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Debbie Goodall.

Amanda Wixon joined the Greater London Southeast Sector Army Cadet Force in 2006 as a volunteer to assist with cadet's medical needs whilst on their annual camp. Over the years Amanda got slightly more involved and was also assisting with Police Cadets and their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Amanda has helped out at other attachments throughout Bexley and the surrounding areas, which are short staffed, without question.

SUE MURPHY

Sue Murphy for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Samantha Desmond.

Sue is a dedicated Cub leader of the 1st Brigden Cubs, even during the Covid Pandemic, when she put her heart and soul into engaging all the children. Sue continued to organise events over zoom and did doorstep drop offs of activities for the children to complete. Sue also works as a swimming instructor and has just completed a swimathon for cancer research.

TRACY BERWICK

Tracy Berwick for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Jessica Edmead.

Tracy has been a foster carer for Bexley for 22 years and also mentors and supports new foster carers. She always makes herself available and gives extra support to the fostering team, who greatly appreciate her dedication to children in her care

LAURA GLYNN

Laura Glynn for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Irene Beschizza.

Laura has been a brownie and guide leader for over 20 years. She was a district commissioner for Bexley and has just completed five years as Hurst Division Commissioner. This role meant that Laura had to oversee five districts which included Rainbows, Brownies and Guide units, almost one thousand girls and adults. She is always there to give advice and help out where necessary.

DIANNE BOON

Dianne Boon for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Jessica Edmead.

Dianne has been a foster career in Bexley for over 25 years and prior to this she was a youth worker. Dianne has cared for numerous children over the years and mostly cares for teenage girls, she will take challenging teenagers and also placements that have broken down or in an emergency. Dianne is in her 70s and still fostering to full capacity, she currently has a 17-year-old in her care and has said that she can stay as long as required and then Dianne will retire

SALLY HEMLEY

Sally Hemley for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Jay Hemley.

Sally has worked for most of her life in Girl Guiding and spent many years supporting Rainbow, Brownie and Guide packs, initially in Barnehurst and now in Joyden's Wood. She has raised thousands of pounds over the years in fundraising and is so passionate about giving up her own time to dedicate any free time she has to support children in the community.

FATHER MICHAEL JONES

Father Michael Jones for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and he was nominated by Colette Doran-Hannon.

Father Michael has been a governor for many years at St Thomas More Catholic Primary School. His participation in meetings is second to none, and although he always hides his light, his passion for the school, the staff and the children shines brightly.

AMARA ALI SHEIKH

Amara Ali Sheikh for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Jessica Edmead

Amara is a foster carer in Bexley and she has done an outstanding job caring for lots of different children for many years. She has also supported other children in different placements who are from the same culture as her. She currently has three teenage boys who have all had challenging behaviours and were difficult to place. All three boys have a huge respect for her and have said that she has changed their lives

SUSIE CLARKE

Susie Clarke for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and she was nominated by Marie Young.

Susie has taught ballet to children of all ages for over 20 years and she provided on-line sessions during the pandemic to lift their spirits. She brought together a community of dancers from across the country who enjoyed making new friends and made them all smile. Her students and her dance community have benefitted from social interaction, exercise and mindfulness.

TINA SALVAGE AND JULIE RAMSDEN

Tina Salvage and Julie Ramsden for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Councillor Steven Hall.

Discover Welling has many volunteers but Tina and Julie have very much been the driving force behind establishing an excellent Welling Town Information Website, which is useful to residents, businesses and Councillors alike. Discover Welling has also been responsible for a number of local initiatives including the Welling Christmas Tree, Christmas light funding, flower planting and general tidying.

CAROL AND PHIL MATHIESON

Carol and Phil Mathieson for Voluntary Service in the Adult Category and they were nominated by Jessica Edmead.

Carol and Phil have been fostering in Bexley for over 30 years and have cared for over sixty children. They have cared for children short term and transitioned them back to their families or to a long-term family or adoption. They have both supported the local authority by taking emergencies and children whose current home has broken down. Bexley has benefitted by having flexible foster carers who can support in every way

CHRIS KING

Chris King for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by Erika Allen.

Chris has volunteered with Advocacy for over ten years, supporting individual members and groups. All members have learning difficulties and a range of other needs. He has built up a long-lasting positive relationship with some of the most vulnerable members and supported them through face-to-face meetings, phone calls, group and sports activities. Chris always goes that extra mile.

2ND WELLING ST JOHNS SCOUT GROUP

2nd Welling St Johns Scout Group for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by Richard Willgoss.

The 2nd Welling Scout Group based at St Johns Church Welling has been in existence since 1927 and has seen many young people from the age of six attend their weekly sessions, camps, expeditions, other activities and other challenges over the years, led by many dedicated and committed volunteers

GARY AND VICTORIA MCHOLLAND-PILCHER

Gary and Victoria McHolland-Pilcher for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by Councillor Steve Hall.

Unfortunately, Gary and Victoria and unable to join us this afternoon and Chris McLeod is here to collect the award on their behalf.

Gary and Victoria and founders of Animal Days Out which is a not-for-profit community interest company providing a range of education, healthcare and wellbeing services for children, young people and adults. They offer diverse and holistic solutions to a variety of needs and requirements.

MARY GARRITY

Garrity for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by Daniel Garrity.

Mary has been a vital part of multiple sectors within voluntary, social care, fostering and charity in Bexley for over 40 years. Whilst starting a family of her own, with her husband Michael in the 1980's, they fostered many children in need of additional care and support. Their son, Daniel, who made this nomination, submitted the longest application ever received and is obviously very proud of his mum. He is last line says: 'I think that if there were more people like my mum in everyone's lives, then the world would be a much more beautiful place to be.'

ELIZABETH HURTT

Elizabeth Hurtt for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by her husband Darrell Hurt. Unfortunately, Elizabeth is unable to join us this afternoon so her parents, Jennifer and Barry Snelling, are here to collect it on her behalf.

Elizabeth was a paramedic with the London Ambulance Service before leaving to raise a family. When the Covid crisis hit in 2020, despite having been out of service for some 16 years, she volunteered to return to help out. She was accepted back as emergency ambulance crew and after only a two-week refresher course she was back out on the road. In the following nine months she put in over one thousand hours of shifts to make sure she was up to speed on all the changes that had happened since leaving. Her husband say's 'she is a hero.'

BRIAN EBELECHUKWU

Brian Ebelechukwu for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by Councillor Sally Hinkley

On the 26 November 2021, Brian took it upon himself to intervene in a violent incident. Brian owns Ebel Foods and is always really lovely and friendly with a greeting for everyone. On the evening in question a bus pulled up outside his shop and a young teenager was dragged off by three or four older boys and they proceeded to attack the young boy. Brian immediately stepped in and protected the boy and the attackers ran away. Without Brian's courage and intervention, the outcome could have been so much worse.

KATY SHUBOTHAM

Katy Shubotham for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by Welling Salvation Army.

Katy single handily ran a food bank throughout lockdown and would often spend her own money so people could have fresh food. At Christmas she organised handing out over one hundred food parcels and created one hundred Christmas dinner boxes so those families could have a dinner. Katy invests time in people and now has many volunteers who have additional needs and through her love and care these people have blossomed and become confident and outgoing.

HOME INSTEAD GREENWICH AND BEXLEY

Home Instead Greenwich and Bexley for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by Jess Ryan.

This project was formulated at the start of the pandemic in support for older people that are housebound and unable to reach services, basic health and wellbeing essentials for everyday living. The volunteers team came together at a great time to do what was needed. Over 10,000 meals were delivered by volunteers. During this journey and to date, they come across many homeless families with young people and children living in extreme poverty, Volunteers went the extra mile to support them too.

HILARY HASLAM

Hilary Haslam for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Hilary has been a stalwart supporter of many charitable causes in Bexley for over 20 years. From her support of events such as Macmillan coffee mornings, to running tea stalls at the Christmas lights switch on in Barnehurst, there cannot really be a more dedicated member of our community. For many years, she has supported the Mayor's Charity Appeals, running raffles and collections, and did not stop during the pandemic. The Mayor is proud to nominate her for her dedication, support and volunteering to the Bexley community.

NIGEL ROWE – NIGEL BARRETT PHOTOGRAPHY

Nigel Rowe for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Nigel has been supporting the Bexley business community for longer than anyone can remember. Nigel is a local man and until the pandemic hit, his business in the Broadway was always a main attraction with the pictures of his photography in the window. Nigel has been a central part of events in Bexleyheath, from the work done to create the BID through to the annual Baby Photo competition. What many will not know is that Nigel is also a proud supporter of the Mayoralty in Bexley and supports many Charity and Civic events, free of charge, as part of his want to give back to our community. Always there and ready, no event has been without his support. We are grateful to have Nigel as part of our team in the Borough.

MAL CHIVERS

Mal Chivers for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

It is always odd when a member of council staff is nominated for a Civic Award, but without Mal, many of our charitable endeavours and some of the Mayor's work and that of Councillors may never have happened. Mal has now retired, but he always went beyond his work hours to support and make things 'happen'. He was always the first to volunteer, especially when it came to events for our children in the Borough, helping to find ways round things and make it go easier. Bexley is a sadder place without him.

PHIL HINTON

Phil Hinton for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

For many years, the main highlight for many of our older more vulnerable residents in Bexley is an annual Christmas lunch that is organised by Phil and his band of volunteers at the Carlton Centre. The lunch has been part of our lives for many years, and without Phil it just would not happen. During Covid Phil tried so hard to carry this lunch on. Last year, it did happen but sadly the Mayor was unable to attend as he had covid but at least the guests were saved from his poor gravy pouring skills!! This award is to thank him for all for the love, dedication and support.

BEXLEY NEPALESE SOCIETY

Bexley Nepalese Society for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Bexley has always had strong community groups, and the Nepalese community is one that has been a key part of our Borough for many years. In the last 10 years, they have got more organised and have now been set up formally, but their work goes back many years. They host community cohesion events to support the community integration, while at the same time honouring their own heritage with meetings and language classes for the younger members to always remember where they come from. The Nepalese community has always been a strong part of our lives in the United Kingdom, especially through their military service, supporting our Armed forces and the Crown. With more Gurkha units being stationed locally, we honour them all with this award and hope that it shows them how much we care

PATRICK STONE (PREMIER AUTOS)

Patrick Stone for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

The Stone family are legendary in Blackfen. For decades they have been at the heart of the community through their business Premier Autos. From their early days as 'just' a petrol garage to becoming one of the UK's first Lada garages. They rose to more prominence in the 90's with the famous stretched Pink Lada as used by Mr Blobby. What people are less likely to know is the extent of Patrick's charitable support, helping for many years to finance Christmas trees and lights in the town centre, supporting charity raffles and events with amazing prizes and also sponsoring local sports teams. They have helped raise money for so many. Patrick and his family deserve this recognition for their outstanding contributions.

LAMORBEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Lamorbey Residents Association for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

The Lamorbey Residents' Association was established to support the residents of the Lamorbey and surrounding council wards in Sidcup. Established in 1933 and

operating as a UK-registered charity, the association is now one of the oldest residents' associations in the borough of Bexley. From their support of over two thousand local residents, they hold events and support the community from their hall in Burnt Oak Lane, which they also hire out at reduced prices for groups. During the pandemic they were a strong community force, who helped the community more than ever, and more recently have also been running regular food drives for the food bank. As we head into their 90th birthday next year, there could be no more fitting honour than this award.

BEXLEYHEATH BUS GARAGE

All of the staff at Bexleyheath Bus Garage for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Often forgotten, the men and women who keep Bexley on the move are one of the greatest groups in our Borough. Through world wars, storms, snow and of course the deadly covid pandemic, the staff based at Bexleyheath Bus Garage including the drivers, inspectors, engineers, admin teams and cleaners kept Bexley going. They do not always have an easy job but they all deserve our thanks.

BEXLEYHEATH AND SIDCUP SORTING OFFICES

All of the staff at Bexleyheath and Sidcup Sorting Offices for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

In a world of emails and amazon online shopping, the Royal Mail could sometimes be forgotten as being one of the vital services that keep our Borough and indeed the whole of the UK running. Through wind, rain, snow and heatwaves, our postal workers and women keep going. As the proud grandson of a postal worker, who started working in the service back in the 1920s, I know that Royal Mail is a service we could not live without. This was shown to us all during the covid pandemic, when the postal workers put themselves at risk to continue doing what they do. The people based at Bexleyheath and Sidcup therefore have our thanks for their service, and we should award them with this token of our appreciation and deepest thanks.

PENNY DUGGAN

Penny Duggan for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Penny Duggan is one of Bexley's foremost historians, archivists and general amazing people who has supported our Borough for many years. Born in Blackfen, and lived here all her life, she is well known in Bexley historical circles for the books she has written and compiled on our past. Penny has also, for many years been at the heart of the community events in Lamorbey and Blackfen, supporting the shopkeepers and businesses to run events at Christmas and Easter. No task is too small or too big, and while its always hoped more volunteers will come along, she has often ended up doing it alone. Without Penny, so much would just not happen. Blackfen, Lamorbey and Bexley as a whole would be a poorer place without her.

CAPTAIN STEVE SLANEY

Captain Steve Slaney for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and he was nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

Steve has been part of the fabric of the London Borough of Bexley and our link with our local Reserve Army forces for many years. From Civic Parades to supporting Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Day, Steve has been at the core of all events. His outstanding commitment to our Borough has been second to none. Steve has recently retired from the Royal Signals after 40+ years of service and we thank him for all he has done.

HOVIS BAKERY

All of the staff at the Hovis Bakery for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

The team at Hovis have given outstanding service and support to Bexley over many years, but their recent support of local foodbanks and the council when we were arranging food deliveries during covid lockdowns, was exceptional. We thank them for their commitment and service.

BEXLEY ROTARY CLUB

Bexley Rotary Club for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

In this, their 90th Year, Bexley Rotary Club are part of the culture that makes up our Borough. Their commitment to our community through charity support and volunteering marks them as truly outstanding members of the London Borough of Bexley.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – BEXLEY BRANCHES

Royal British Legion Branches for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and they were nominated by The Mayor, Councillor James Hunt.

As we come to the end of their 100th year celebrations, the British Legion have been there for our veterans and servicemen and women through thick and thin and as a small mark of our thanks we wish to honour the branches that support our Boroughs veterans.

- Ken Spowles to collect the Award for the Bexleyheath and Welling Branch
- Ian Coombs to collect the award for the Sidcup and Footscray Branch
- David Jones to collect the award for the North Cray Branch
- Terry Russell to collect the award on behalf of the Crayford Branch
- Erith & Thamesmead Branch (Not represented)

ADEOLA GBAKINRO

Adeola Gbakinro for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by Brianna Willis.

Adeola is the founder of Uplift The Next Generation, an organisation in Bexley that connects young people and 13 – 19 from diverse backgrounds through conferences and workshops. She started this organisation due to her own experiences of facing inequalities whilst looking for career opportunities. Growing up in an area known for crime, Adeola wanted to offer young people an alternative.

MOLLY HEWETT

Molly Hewett for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by Jane Goodrich

Molly is dedicated to her voluntary work at Welling Youth Centre and also at Welling Air Cadets. Molly gives up her time to help young people in both settings supporting them however they need, going over and above. At the Air Cadets, she runs a lot of activities, helps with trips as well as giving IT advice

CHARLOTTE BLADES

Charlotte Blades for Voluntary Service in the Outstanding Recognition Category and she was nominated by Councillor Nicola Taylor.

Charlotte is one of the key volunteers at the Food Bank in Queen Street Baptist Church Erith. As well as having a very busy job and looking after her family, she dedicates a lot of time to the Food Bank. She organises the sessions on a Saturday, making collections from distributors and other donations, using her own car and at times roping in her family to help.

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