

Team/group award



Winner

The Volunteer Team at Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre

This team has 75 highly talented and enthusiastic volunteers who act as museum wardens and others who work behind the scenes on research projects. Original work from the volunteers is used for exhibitions, publications and to answer enquiries. The popular series of “Chippenham Studies” books are written entirely by the volunteers with profits being returned to the museum service.

The recent award of museum accreditation (the museum professional standard of excellence) could not have been achieved without these hard working individuals. Their support, friendship and local knowledge are vital to the museum and heritage centre.



Highly commended

Kington Langley Helping Hands

Helping Hands was started by a few men in the local pub who wanted to do something for the pensioners in the village. They began by providing tea in the village hall. From these modest beginnings the regular activities now include Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall, summer outings, birthday cards and bouquets on special occasions and visits are made to those who are sick with no relatives living locally.

Funds for the activities are raised by coffee mornings, rummage sales, bingo & quiz nights, and a Whist Drive each year. Helping Hands also support other village activities including the annual Scarecrow weekend.

Team/group award



Shortlisted

Doorway

One of Doorway's greatest strengths is the fantastic team of 45 trained volunteers aged from 18 to 75 who bring such a wide variety of skills and experience to the project. They are crucial to the success of the organisation and are united by their deep commitment to Doorway's guests and the community.

The Doorway volunteers ensure that there is always a friendly, non judgemental, family like atmosphere to be found in the open access drop-in sessions.

Doorway is justly proud of the positive impact that the volunteers make and feel that they deserve to be commended for always going above and beyond expectations.



Shortlisted

Mount Zion

For the last eleven years, members of Mount Zion Church aged between 10 and 76, have laid on a sumptuous, complimentary, home cooked Christmas dinner for approximately 80 older citizens of Hullavington.

When the hall burned down in 2004, this did not deter Mount Zion as they are aware of how much this social evening is enjoyed by those attending, they hired Grittleton Village Hall and the show went on.

Donations from the event are sent by Mount Zion to the Savannah Education Trust, working in Bagri in northern Ghana, providing schooling and a lunchtime meal for children.

Individual award



Winner

Alison Reed

Alison has been helping others in the community for over a quarter of a century, as a teacher at the school, and more recently in a voluntary capacity. Alison hosts a popular coffee morning which raises money for the Air Ambulance and Doorway. She provides transport to the coffee morning for the elderly and infirm, and keeps an eye on those not well enough to attend.

Alison volunteers one day a week at Doorway and organises monthly meetings for the Golden Threads group. She also uses her teaching skills for children's holiday activities. Alison's contribution is described as invaluable to the fabric of Hullavington village life for her care and encouragement to young and old alike.



Highly commended

Avril Balmforth

Avril is a key member of Kington St Michael Village Community Shop set up in April 2007. In May 2010 she was appointed as volunteer Shop Manager. She spearheaded the local food campaign and is now encouraging the sale of locally made handicrafts. Avril compiles the shop newsletter, organises shop open evenings, raffles and events. Avril's contribution has made the shop the hub of the community and clear success that it is today.

In her role as a member of the Women's Institute Avril is leading a fundraising campaign to raise money for the purchase of two Community Defibrillators. This started in earnest in November 2010 and to date £1,875 of the £4000 needed has been raised.

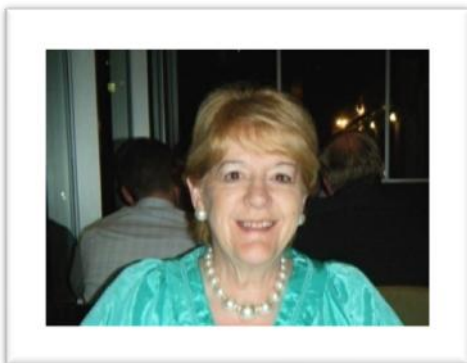
Individual award



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Tim Butler

Tim is a farmer who operates within the Parish of Hullavington. For several years he has voluntarily given up his time and used his farming equipment to maintain the natural hedgerows and the areas of grass at Hullavington Cemetery. These tasks encompass a large area and could not be carried out without the specialist equipment and skills that Tim provides. Tim's efforts are very much appreciated and have consistently saved the Parish a considerable sum of money which is reflected in the Parish precept.



Shortlisted

Jane Clark OBE

As Chairman of Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership (ChAP) Jane has lead the production of the Community Plan and the recent update. She has been actively involved with the launch of the River Festival, hosting of the Action for Market Towns convention, coordination of Perforum community resources for local performance groups and the production of the widely acclaimed Chippenham Tourist Guide.

Jane's passion is performing arts and she has directed several of Chippenham Light Opera Group (CLOGS) productions, the most recent, Beauty & the Beast broke box office records.

Jane uses her vast experience in local government in her role as Chairman of Seagry Parish Council and supports the village school, village fete and new village hall project.

In all of these activities Jane gives a selfless contribution, she has a strong sense of defending injustice and brings integrity to everything she does.

Under 18 award



Winner

Georgia Sandell

Georgia is a member of the girls group engaged in the Street Based Youth Work team. Georgia has a very interactive personality that enthuses and encourages others to get involved in projects and activities. She is a great motivator, plus is always the first to volunteer for any activity where a young person's voice and input is required.

Georgia has been on the interview panel for the new members of staff for the Olympiad, and My World Crew. She was also one of the lead young people involved in the Twigs visit trip to collect ideas and gain experience in planting seeds of both flowers and vegetables that could be used to enhance her community area. Georgia also helps at the Rise Children's Centre.



Highly commended

Caroline Brennen

Caroline has shown clear leadership skills through engaging many of her peers to produce high quality dance shows to raise money for events taking place with the youth group. She is able to lead people of all dance ability and inspire them to share the same vision through dance.

Caroline is able to bring unity between people of different social classes while helping to grow and develop friendships. She is keen to share her love for music and dance enabling many teenagers to perform in front of the community.