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Civic Awards 2016/17



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The winners of the Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Awards 2017 have been announced as part of Hertsmere's annual Civic Dinner.

The Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Awards aims to recognise unsung heroes from across the borough who play an active role in the community. Individuals or groups can be nominated, and each entry is judged by a panel.

Details of all this year's winners are below, along with a full list of past winners. Links to short films about the winners are included where available.

2017

Dave Rankin Award

[Gary Shinn](#)

Described as an 'extremely hard-working and loyal individual, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty', Gary Shinn is a lifesaver, many times over. The 50 year old has served for 21 years at Borehamwood Fire Station. In this role, he has attended hundreds of road traffic collisions, property fires and rescues often in extremely challenging and dangerous situations. Gary was in charge during the Buncefield terminal fire in Hemel Hempstead 11 years ago, one of the country's major post-war incidents and was one of dozens of firefighters who worked throughout the Christmas period to bring the flames under control. Since 2001, he has been crew commander of White Watch where he has been instrumental in setting up and running a range of educational initiatives aimed at helping young people, the elderly and other vulnerable groups to stay safe. On a purely voluntary basis, he has run the award-winning multi-agency project Crash Bang targeted at young offenders for 10 years.

Civic Awards

[Arnold Davey](#)

While for some retirement might signal a chance to take it easy, for Arnold Davey, it has been quite the reverse. Arnold is curator of Potters Bar Museum, president of the Potters Bar and District Historical Society, chairman of the town group of the Potters Bar Society and was a trustee of the local Citizens Advice Bureau for nine years. The former chartered engineer is at the heart of the community and has been representing its interests for more than 20 years. As town group chairman, he is often called on to guide responses to local planning issues. As museum curator, he oversees the running of two temporary exhibitions a year and maintenance of the permanent displays. Most recently he was pivotal in organising and running a three-day event marking 100 years since a German Zeppelin was shot down and crashed at Oakmere Park. The event attracted over 1000 visitors and saw the Mayor, Cllr Rutledge, shake hands with German Airforce Attache, Hermann Hanke, at the site where the aircraft landed.

[Guy Beaton](#)

The man behind making Shenley village fete a must-go event for villagers and beyond has been recognised with a Civic Award. Eight years ago, the fete was a low-key affair and volunteers struggled to cover costs. Today, it has quadrupled in size, boasting star attractions, interactive stalls and rides, and generates large cash sums for local causes. Last year, the fete raised £8000 which was used to support local good causes, including the Sir Richard Cox Charity, set up to help local people in need, and the Shenley Park Toddler Area Project, which is due to open later this year. In addition, Guy plays a key role in organising other village events such as the Christmas lights switch-on, Santa Day and day-trips for pensioners. He edits the parish magazine Shenley Village Matters and is an active supporter of ACS, Action for a Cleaner Shenley.

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[Jane McMahon](#)

More widely known as Mrs McMahon, Jane has been an inspiration to generations of students, staff and parents in Potters Bar. Since she started work as a Maths teacher at Mount Grace School in 1965, she has been an active member of the Parent Teacher and Friends Association and chairman for 11 years. In this role, Jane has been instrumental in raising funds for a wide range of initiatives. With her help, students have benefited from school trips, competitions, and extra equipment, including atlases, revision books, new cookers and five new minibuses. She's also helped put on extra-curricular activities such as dance displays, plays, quizzes and musical events, and organises refreshments at the Potters Bar Carnival each year. Described as 'an absolute marvel', despite back problems, Jane shows no signs of slowing down.

[Yogesh Morjaria](#)

As the saying goes it's the little things that can make a difference. In Yogesh's case, going the extra mile for patients, whether that is making a phonecall, answering a question or simply listening to someone, makes a huge difference to them. In an instance cited within his nomination paper, Yogesh was able to help fill the breach when bureaucratic delays and surgery waiting times would have left one patient in extreme pain and discomfort. In another case, he came to the aid of an elderly lady who fell outside the pharmacy, helping to clean and bandage the wound, then taking her and her bags of shopping home. He is described as 'the most pleasant, kindest and helpful person who really seems to care about his customers'.

[David Clout](#)

A retired secondary school teacher, David has proved to be as hard-working, tireless and committed in his various voluntary roles, as he was at work. As secretary of the Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood, he organises the annual schools' art competition and helped pioneer the town's foodbank. He's chairman of the Visually Impaired Club, which he helped to set up, and chairman of the Talking Newspaper, of which he has volunteered for 30 years. He is also a committed member of the Maxwell Park Community Centre and a dedicated church-goer.

[Nick Male](#)

Nick is a tireless supporter of groups and charities within the town - a trait he shares with his late father, George. George founded the Otters Swimming Club for the Disabled. Nick supports and raises funds for a number of organisations, including his father's charity. He is president of the Elstree and Borehamwood Rotary Club and chairman of the Hertsmere Acoustic Music Club. The music club is inclusive, giving people with special educational needs a chance to shine. He is a familiar sight on stage whether performing as part of local folk group The Woodmen, of which he has been a member for 40 years, or acting as Master of Ceremonies. Two memorable occasions were when he compered for Borehamwood Brass at the Offenbury Wine Festival in Germany and was MC at the Diamond Jubilee Tattoo in Allum Hall. He speaks three languages and is involved in the Borehamwood and Elstree Town Twinning Association, for whom he regularly serves as a valued interpreter and tour guide. He is also leader of the U3A choir The Senior Moments and a member of his church choir.

2016

[Sasha Capocci](#)

[Michele Davis](#)

[Michael Duffy](#)

[Christopher Watts](#)

[Paul Welsh MBE](#)

[Bob Williams](#)

Christopher Davess – The Dave Rankin Award

[Yasmin Gill – Youth Civic Award](#)

2015

[Dianne Payne](#)

[Christine Wright](#)

[Ann and Norman Shuker](#)

[Vivienne Charrett](#)

[Kristan Payne](#)

[Dr Phil Wadey](#)

[John Godfrey – The Dave Rankin Award](#)

[Reece Browne – Youth Civic Award](#)

2014

[Gill Connell](#)

[Patrick Forsyth](#)

[Alan Lawrence, Ann Lawrence and David Armitage](#)

[Jim McKean](#)

[Sue Pearlman](#)

[Sixty Plus \(Potters Bar & South Mimms\)](#)

[Valerie Kane and Loran Kingston – The Dave Rankin Award](#)

[Stuart Nagler JP DL – 40th Anniversary Award](#)

2013

Marijke Turner; Julian Treves-Brown; Audrey Lambert; Reverend Richard Leslie; Amber Gill; Ken Moxley; Bill Davies; Tom Shirley; Lisa

2012

Elaine Marsh; John Brown; John Hambleton; Helen Hambleton; Susan Moser; Verity MacLachlan; Peter Weaver; Sue Weaver; Molly Brain; Richard Jarvis – The Dave Rankin Award

2011

Cynthia Litherland; Mike Smith; Marion Gee; Maureen Price; Ron Price; Jean Austin; Graham Leclerc; Ross Paybody – The Dave Rankin Award

2010

Angela Saunders; Jane Saunders; Doreen Scivyer; Margaret Sibley; Herts Inclusive Theatre; A to B Cycle Riders

2009

Jan Southwell; Daniella Jacobson; Florence Ward; Hugh Lewis; Beryl Collins; Patty Briggs; Talya Jacobson

2008

Radlett Cricket Club; Bushey Festival; 1st Elstree & Borehamwood Scouts; Baracuda Swimming Club; John Franklin; Joan Franklin

2007

Len Denbigh; Carol Denbigh; Muriel Pitcher; Roy Brown; Eva Middleton

2006

Nicky Brady; Marion Conway; Duncan Conway; Carol Jones; Jean Kentish

2005

Sheila Blake; Chris Beney; Ann Goddard; Patrick Cass

2004

Dennis Hussey; Jean Hussey; Alan Barth; Ronald Ladds; Pauline Poole; Henry Redman

2003

John Spencer; Kathleen Spencer; Edward Harvey; David Newman; Terry Barnes; Bryen Wood; Grant Longman; Nicola Day

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