

SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
(31 January 2013)

Southern Wiltshire Volunteering Awards

And the winner's are...

The winners of the Area Board's volunteering awards for the following categories are:

- **Working with young people**

Carolyn Port (Winterslow Youth Zone and Play Day)

Carolyn, and her team, set up the Winterslow Youth Zone in 2010 and it has provided a fun place to go for the young people of Winterslow and surrounding villages. Carolyn has also run the Winterslow Play Day which provides a family focused play day during the Summer Holidays. She works so hard for the young people of Winterslow, thus deserving this recognition.

Richard Rendall (Whiteparish Youth Club)

After six years coaching youth football, Richard turned his enthusiasm to a youth club and his drive secured the funding required, lead and organised the facility and storage for the club, organised a twenty strong team of adults to support the running of the club. Richard has also been involved in the attempt to provide Whiteparish with an all-purpose facility which would also house the new youth club in more suitable accommodation.

- **Working with older people**

Whiteparish & Landford LINK Scheme

The Whiteparish & Landford LINK Scheme started in 1996, now with 50 active volunteers carrying out over 800 journeys each year. It now serves the communities of Whiteparish, Landford, Nomansland, West Dean, the Grimsteads and Alderbury & Whaddon. We also receive requests for our services from across the county boundary in Sherfield English, Plaitford and Bramshaw. The purpose of LINK is to provide a "good neighbour" service to members of our communities who might require our assistance. This is usually in the form of transport for medical appointments (hospitals, surgeries, dentists, opticians, chiropodists, etc.) or just to go shopping. Members may also provide short relief for carers who wish to nip out for a couple of hours on private business.

- **Working on our footpaths**

South Wiltshire Ramblers' Heavy Gang

The South Wiltshire Ramblers' Heavy Gang work closely with the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Team to install things like kissing gates and foot bridges across south Wiltshire. This year they have worked with the Area Board and local parishes to help train local volunteers from Southern Wiltshire's parishes and also install gates as part of our project.

Mick Avery – Landford Footpath Group

Mick has been the leader and driving force of the Landford Footpath Committee, and though he is no longer able to physically work on path inspection and clearance, he maintains a lively and informed knowledge of the footpath network. He remains Chair of the Committee.

- **Working for a safer community**

Whiteparish First Responders

Community First Responders (CFRs) first came to the SP5 area with the launch of the Whiteparish group in 2003. The group started after one of the members came across a similar scheme whilst on holiday in Yorkshire. He contacted the Great Western Ambulance Service with a view to rolling out a similar scheme in this area. The scheme has evolved over the years. Landford now has its own First Responder group and, with Whiteparish First Responders, provides cover to the surrounding villages, including Downton, Redlynch, Lover, East and West Grimstead, Alderbury, Whaddon, and Hamptworth.

Due to their proximity CFRs often arrive before the ambulance and can perform a number of potentially lifesaving tasks. All CFR volunteers are trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). They carry defibrillators (to help start a heart in cardiac arrest) and oxygen in addition to other first aid equipment.

The Award:

We have decided to present the awards out in the community during February so your local councillor will attend your committee meeting or session to present the award.

Recommendation:

1. That the above all receive an award of £50 as recognition of their hard work in our Community Area. Therefore, an additional £100 should be set aside on top of £200 set aside at the last meeting.

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