

Awards Report 2019

1) The Council has an awards scheme, which at the present time is in three categories.

- Citizen(s) of the Year
- Young Person(s) of the Year
- Business of the Year

2) Written nominations identifying the person and giving reasons are invited to be submitted by Councillors to the Clerk by 20th January to enable the information to be circulated prior to determining the recipients and making the presentations at the APM. The winners will be determined at the February meeting.

3) The winners are determined, notified and invited to attend the APM.

4) The winners receive a certificate at the APM, presented by the Chair, photographed and the photographs entered on the newsletter, website and Facebook page. The YPOTY winner also receives a voucher for £25.00.

Nominations come from any source and are considered by the Council at the February meeting.

General Guidelines.

- Home addresses are irrelevant.
 - The Young Person Award is for work undertaken by a person when a person was under 18 years of age.
 - The Business should have an outlet or some impact in the area.
 - All nominations must be checked that they are suitable and willing to accept the award. Unless this is confirmed, the nominations will not be considered.
 - If Councillors are nominating, it is their responsibility to ensure this is the case. Their nominees must be willing and acceptable. In case of any doubt, the Clerk can be contacted to ensure that the nomination is valid but must be done by 20th January.
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The nominees will be sent to the Councillors the Tuesday of the week before the February meeting and any questions or objections must be sent to the Clerk by the Friday. Otherwise, they will not be considered.

This is to stop inappropriate or unchecked nominations or last minute problems.

For 2019, the winners are:

Citizens of the Year. David and Margaret Strickland.

Nominated by Cllr L. Bullock.

I would like to nominate David and Margaret Strickland for the Citizen of the Year award.

They have a long history of service to the people of Heath Hayes (and Wimblebury since the closure of Wimblebury Chapel) through their association with Bourne Methodist Church.

They are tireless in their work for the local foodbank, assisting with the running of the weekly hot meal service served at the chapel, and Margaret was the lead organiser representing the chapel in helping to organise the Centenary Remembrance Day Service and events.

Margaret also organised the 'falling poppy' display outside the chapel in the run up to Remembrance Sunday and was a long time Sunday School teacher (who taught my sons) and is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand, in a very unassuming way, to anyone in need.

She quietly goes about her good work, ably assisted in everything by her husband David.

Young Person. Anastacia Smouna.

Nominated by Cllr D. Marsden. Citation to be given at the meeting. He said he was sending it on 8th February.

Business of the Year. Cherished Coffee Shop.

Nominated by Cllr Alan Dean.

I have nominated as the business of the year the Cherished Coffee Shop at the Hayes Green Community Centre.

This is a non-profit making enterprise, run by volunteers from the Community Life Church. It quickly gained a 5 star hygiene rating from Cannock Council and has since given our community a much needed social meeting place free of any ties.



People young and old can meet and have an assortment of drinks hot or cold with a slice of toast or a cake.

A fantastic sandwich, hot or cold filling, or a grand breakfast for a very reasonable price the food is all locally sourced thus helping other businesses in the area and it is all delicious.

The café is waitress services, no queueing and you can stay as long as you like and chat to your hearts content, no one rushing you to leave, in fact more often than not one of the staff will come and chat with you.

They have encouraged other benefits, such as the Chatter and Natter Table, the Woolly Wednesdays and the health talks on Fridays. The County Councillors also hold their monthly surgeries there.

The Coffee Shop volunteers have given their time and effort to bring people together in a world where communities have drifted apart and people have become isolated. That is why the Council unanimously agreed the award for Business of the Year should go to the Cherished Coffee Shop.