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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2004

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2004 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

East Midlands

Voluntary Group

Derbyshire Dales Careline

Inspiration FM

Meridale Organisation

Radford Care Group
SOLVE IT

TASC Grub Club

The Winchester Club

Activity Description

making a daily telephone call to vulnerable, isolated, elderly and housebound people to provide information and conversation.

encouraging BME communities and disadvantaged people in Northampton to get involved in community radio.

providing a community hall in Sutton-on-Sea for educational, leisure and charity fundraising activities.

supporting older people in Nottingham living at home independently.

promoting awareness of the consequences of volatile substances to young people in Northamptonshire.

providing Northampton young people, aged 8 upwards, with opportunities to improve their personal and life skills.

providing opportunities for adults with disabilities in Derby to interact and organise their own group outings.

East of England

Voluntary Group

Colchester Rape Crisis Line

Community Meeting Point—Harpenden

Fledglings

Hertfordshire MS Therapy Centre

Lowestoft Civic Society—Heritage Workshop Centre

March and Chatteris Talking Newspaper Association

Mind Resource Centre Volunteer Group

Mitalee Youth Association

Stalham Brass Band

The Fragile X Society

Young Citizens Guild

Youth Plus

Activity Description

providing support services for women and young people in Colchester and surrounding areas who have experienced sexual violence.

providing recreational and leisure facilities and activities for people with mental health problems.

providing a unique nationwide information and practical support service for disabled people, particularly children, their families and carers.

providing support, counselling, advice and therapeutic services to MS sufferers.

preserving the heritage of Lowestoft and district and providing employment for students, unemployed people and those with special needs.

providing recorded tapes and tactile reading matter to visually impaired and physically handicapped people in the local community.

supporting people with severe and enduring mental illness in Norwich, enabling them to live self-supporting lives.

providing sports, arts and educational opportunities to young people in Luton from disadvantaged backgrounds.

encouraging people of all ages to gain traditional skills as brass musicians and providing entertainment at local activities and charity events.

providing support and information to Fragile X families, raising awareness and encouraging research into the syndrome.

encouraging young people in Great Yarmouth to become better citizens through participation in activities and local events.

encouraging and supporting young people with learning disabilities in Ongar to be actively involved in the community.

London

Voluntary Group

African Youth Organisation

Age Exchange

Brent Indian Community Centre

Genuine Empowerment of Mothers in Society

NSF Sunrise—Greenwich group of 'Rethink'

Save the World Club

Somali Family Support Group

The British Red Cross Skin Camouflage Service

The Cocktail Crew

The Food Chain

Activity Description

advancing the education of children and young people in Newham, including African culture and moral development.

improving the quality of life of older people through emphasising the value of their reminiscences.

providing services to the Asian community in Brent and encouraging young people to appreciate their heritage.

providing advice, advocacy and support to women from disadvantaged and marginalised communities in London.

supporting through mutual self-help, seriously mentally ill people, their carers and relatives.

encouraging people of all ages in Kingston-upon-Thames to take pride in their neighbourhood through civic awareness and the promotion of the sustainable use of resources.

providing information, advocacy and advice to Somalis and other East Africans living in London.

assisting people in London, coping with a disfigurement and providing support and advice on skin camouflage techniques.

visiting oncology and orthopaedic patients in Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals, serving them nutritional supplementary drinks.

providing nutritious services for housebound London residents with AIDS related illnesses.

North East

Voluntary Group

Barnados SECOS Project

Activity Description

providing counselling to children aged 12-18 years in Middlesborough, abused through prostitution, promoting their well-being and exit from that lifestyle.

Pennywell Community Association

providing a full range of activities for local residents in Sunderland and addressing their needs.

Stockton Blind People's Voice

working to achieve equality for blind and visually impaired people in the Borough.

Weardale Open Air Swimming Pool Association

providing affordable water-based activities for the community and its visitors.

North West

Voluntary Group

Bolton Hospice Volunteer Team

Activity Description

achieving quality of life for patients and their families through administrative help, support, transport and fundraising.

Connect

improving services for disabled children and supporting their families in St Helens.

Mothers Against Violence

addressing factors leading to gang involvement through an education programme in Manchester, supporting victims and offenders.

Northern Fells Group

organising services, events and activities to benefit the welfare of residents of seven rural parishes in Cumbria.

Sahara in Preston

supporting Asian and African-Caribbean women to participate in the social/economic life of their community.

Stockport Plaza Trust

providing a venue for community arts and fundraising events and support for restoration of a Grade 2* listed super cinema.

Sundowns

supporting Downs Syndrome families in Wirrel and South Wirral through events, activities and a newsletter.

The Blacon Project

building a better Blacon through the active involvement of the community to find local solutions to local problems.

The PIP Project

working for the social inclusion of children and young people with special needs living in Blackpool and surrounding areas.

Volunteers of St John's Hospice Lancaster

maintaining the quality of life for those facing life threatening illnesses, through a wide range of voluntary activities

South East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Bucks Search and Rescue	providing training, search and rescue and related emergency services for Buckinghamshire County Council and Thames Valley Police.
Caring All Together on Romney Marsh	supporting older and vulnerable people through friendship, support and advice.
Court Meadow Group Riding for the Disabled Association	providing riding as therapy for pupils aged 2-19 who have severe learning difficulties.
Golden Lion Children's Trust	supporting mentally and physically disabled and socially disadvantaged children in West Sussex, East Sussex, Kent and Surrey.
Goring Gap News	reporting on local news, events and featuring items of interest through a monthly magazine.
Harmony Variety Group	organising after school clubs in Kent for children of all abilities and needs, encouraging talent and confidence, through performing arts.
Oakhaven Voluntary Services Group	supporting hospice staff by providing a service to members of the community suffering from life limiting illnesses.
Saturday Club for Deaf Children	providing activities for children aged 5-18 living on the Isle of Wight to develop their social skills, language and confidence.
Shepway Volunteer Centre Transport Service	transporting housebound, disabled and elderly residents to appointments and social activities, improving their quality of life.
Starmaker Theatre Company	providing a centre for young people to develop and gain stage skills through workshops and fundraising events in Reading.
Surrey Witness Service	providing an independent, free and confidential service to victims and witnesses at court.
The Fountain Centre	caring for physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families in the St Luke's Cancer Centre in Guildford.
The Pitstop	a daytime drop-in centre for the homeless, unemployed and socially isolated in Leatherhead and surrounding communities.
Volunteer Bureau—Banbury and District	placing volunteers with local organisations and providing the elderly with transport for appointments.

South West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
All Saints Church Community Centre	creating a centre of excellence for statutory voluntary groups especially those which are marginalized.
Community Health Around Torpoint	providing a focal point for community concerns, resources and information, run by volunteers.
Disability Action Group in North Dorset	providing direct action to help disabled persons overcome everyday problems.
Friends and Residents of Grange Community Association	enhancing the lives of hospice residents in Christchurch and providing advice, social and recreational facilities.
FORGE	meeting the needs of visually impaired people in the Forest of Dean.
Kennet Gateway Club	providing a social meeting place in Pewsey for adults with learning difficulties.
MARAH	befriending and supporting homeless people and those with alcohol, drug and mental illness problems in Stroud.
South Gloucestershire Asian Project	improving the lives of Asian people through provision of services and a focus for events.
The Home Furniture Service Trust	supplying recycled furniture and household goods, offered at affordable prices, to low income residents in Taunton Deane.
The North Devon Maritime Museum	maintaining a museum for local residents and visitors to Appledore through fundraising and events.
The Vassall Centre Trust	providing accessible workspace for organisations of disabled people living in and around Bristol.
The Villager Community Bus Service	providing extensive, reliable and economical transport for residents of 65 villages in the North Cotswolds.

West Midlands

Voluntary Group

Birmingham Chinese Society
 Cheadle and District Home Link Scheme
 No Panic
 Shades of Black Community Family Project
 St Giles Hospice Volunteers
 Tamworth Handicapped Swimming Club (The Unicorns)
 The Bradby Club

Activity Description

assisting the integration of the Chinese and Oriental community into mainstream society.
 assisting elderly and housebound people to maintain a dignified independence in their own homes.
 providing relief and rehabilitation for those with anxiety disorders in Shropshire through a confidential helpline and tele-conferencing.
 enhancing care in the community in Handsworth through social activities, including cultivation of an allotment for the benefit of senior citizens.
 providing assistance with palliative care services and helping to improve the quality of patients' lives.
 providing water sports/swimming gala opportunities for disabled people.
 providing a safe meeting place for young people in Rugby with educational, social and cultural recreational opportunities.

Yorkshire and the Humber

Voluntary Group

Age Concern Knaresborough
 Calderdale Help in Bereavement Service
 Indian Muslim Welfare Society
 Pooh Bear Reading Assistance Society
 Pudsey Gateway Club
 St Wilfrid's Day Centre
 The Carers' Resource

Activity Description

providing care and support to disadvantaged and older people in the community.
 providing a free and confidential befriending service for the bereaved.
 providing a centre in Batley for interfaith events, helping to portray a positive image and address the needs of Muslims in British Society.
 providing trained volunteer support to build confidence and reading skills of local children through sharing and enjoying books.
 offering social and leisure activities to people with learning difficulties.
 providing community care for vulnerable people in Sheffield who can experience a sense of belonging and find practical help.
 providing advice and support to carers in Harrogate, Craven and Airedale districts.

Northern Ireland

Voluntary Group

Carnany Community Association
 Moree Community Association
 Simon Community Outspoken Group
 The Bann Recorder
 The Share Holiday Village Volunteer Team

Activity Description

enhancing the lives of residents through environmental projects, clubs and events.
 developing and enhancing community spirit through cultural activities, education and support.
 raising awareness of homeless issues in Northern Ireland through peer education.
 providing a news service for visually impaired people in County Down.
 providing a centre for creative, recreational and educational programmes for disabled and non-disabled people.

Scotland

Voluntary Group

Alness Environmental Group/Alness in Bloom
Deveron Stroke Club
Envirokirk Action Group
Friends
GAIN (Guth Airson/Iarrtasan Nis)
Inverclyde Carers Council
Johnstone Credit Union Volunteers—People helping people
Orkney Talking Newspaper Association
Samaritans of Glasgow
The Food Train
The Yellow Teapot Club
Youth United

Activity Description

undertaking environmental projects within community gardens and provision of floral displays to enhance Alness town centre.
providing social and therapeutic help to stroke sufferers in Banff, Turriff and surrounding areas, their families and carers.
maintaining the local natural environment in Kirk, through projects and fundraising for the benefit of residents and tourists.
improving the local environment in Stevenston through creative projects for young people.
encouraging social and leisure activities on the Isle of Lewis including environmental awareness.
representing the interests and aspirations of local voluntary carers with training and support.
providing not-for-profit financial services to the community in Renfrewshire.
providing tapes of local newspaper articles for visually impaired and physically disabled residents in the community.
providing 24-hour confidential, emotional support to those in the community who have feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide.
providing a low cost shopping delivery service for elderly and disabled people in Dumfries and Galloway.
providing a club for children with special needs aged 6-16 years in West Lothian.
campaigning and applying for funding for projects and facilities for young people in Airdrie.

Wales

Voluntary Group

Cymrod CLWB Teithio Dwyfor Travel Club
Fernhill Association of Residents
Powys Challenge
St Kentigern Hospice Volunteers
Special Needs Activity Club
Swffryd Community Centre
Treborth Riding for the Disabled

Activity Description

providing a local community transport service for people unable to use public transport in Dwyfor.
representing the community in Mountain Ash and improving their quality of life and well-being.
reducing crime and the fear of crime, making Powys a safer place.
providing support to patients and families through friendship, transport assistance, and community fund raising.
providing a social club in Neath, Port Talbot for children with disabilities to include their siblings and support for parents.
promoting the well-being of the community by furthering health, education and recreational activities.
Providing disabled people with riding facilities to benefit their health and well-being.

Guernsey

Voluntary Group

The Guernsey Society for the Physically Disabled

Activity Description

assisting with the provision of facilities for the physically disabled and those with learning difficulties through activities and fund-raising.

Isle of Man

Voluntary Group

Manx Blind Welfare Association Volunteer Services

Activity Description

providing support and services for people with visual impairment.

Jersey

Voluntary Group

Headway Jersey

Activity Description

providing information and support for people with brain injuries, their relatives and carers.

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