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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2005

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2005 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

East Midlands

Voluntary Group

Grantham and District Talking Newspaper for the Blind

Incest and Sexual Abuse Survivors
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Advocacy

Readycall

Talking with Hands

Activity Description

providing weekly news items for the visually impaired in Grantham

provision of counselling and support for adults in Nottinghamshire abused as children
promoting the needs and rights of vulnerable people in Nottinghamshire to enhance their quality of life

helping the elderly in Southern Derbyshire Dales to maintain independence in their own homes

enabling children and adults with hearing difficulties to visit the cinema to watch signed and subtitled films

East of England

Voluntary Group

Basildon Pathfinders blind and partially sighted group

Dacorum Talking Newspaper

FIND

Furniture Link (Bedford)

Luton United Football Club

Magpas

North Lynn Community Centre

St Clare Hospice

SOS Home Safe and Sound Project

Yarls Wood Befrienders

Activity Description

supporting visually impaired people in Basildon through social interaction, holidays and information

providing visually impaired people in Hertfordshire with access to community information

providing friendship and basic essentials to families in Ipswich and surrounding areas to alleviate their serious social problems

recycling furniture and household goods to those in need in Bedfordshire

providing recreational opportunities for young people in Luton with access to football coaching qualifications

operating an emergency rapid response medical charity in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire

providing a community resource to benefit people living in North Lynn

caring for people and their families who are affected by life-threatening illnesses

providing a weekend community bus in Norwich city centre to reduce crime and the fear of crime

providing friendship and support to refugees and asylum seekers detained in Yarls Wood Immigration Removal Centre

London

Voluntary Group

Ebony Steel Band Trust

Eritrean Muslim Community Association

Islington Chinese Association

Muslin Welfare House

Sai School of Harrow

The Holly Lodge Centre Volunteers

Waltham Forest Asian Seniors' Club

Youth Retreat Project

Activity Description

encouraging young people to appreciate their cultural history through arts and music advising on education and welfare, together with the provision of recreational and social activities for diverse communities in London

providing a multi-cultural resource centre for Chinese people and the wider community locally and nationally

providing ethnically diverse communities in Islington with educational, social and recreational support

nurturing children from multi-faith communities in North London through education, social projects and citizenship

providing opportunities for people of all abilities and ages to enjoy and learn about the natural environment and history of Richmond Park

providing a centre to support the welfare of older Asian people in the community empowering and training disadvantaged young people in North London through workshops and presentations

North East

Voluntary Group

Escape Family Support Ltd

Ferguson Lane Community Association

St Benedict's Hospice Volunteers in Sunderland

Waterhouses Community Association

Activity Description

providing drug and alcohol misusers and their families with support in Northumberland

providing companionship and support for vulnerable residents in disadvantaged areas in Newcastle

providing practical support to patients, families and carers to complement palliative care in St Benedict's Hospice

improving community needs and the environment in Waterhouses through social, educational and recreational activities

North West

Voluntary Group

Barnabus

Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team

Brunshaw Action Group

Carlisle and District Remap

Pakistani Community Centre (Longsight)

SAMM (Merseyside)

Talbot House Support Centre

The Aintree Volunteer Scheme

West View Community Association

Activity Description

supporting the needs of homeless people and streetsex workers in Manchester with food, education and medical facilities

operating a mountain search and rescue service in the rural areas of Lancashire

addressing the needs of communities in Burnley to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through community cohesion

design and manufacture of one-off equipment for disabled people for whom there is no commercially available alternative

providing multi-functional social, domestic and leisure services to diverse communities in Longsight

providing emotional support to families and friends in Merseyside bereaved by murder or manslaughter

giving practical advice, guidance and support to parents of children with special needs in Manchester

assisting with patient experience of hospital attendance in Aintree NHS hospitals

enhancing the quality of life for the community in West View through provision of social and educational facilities

South East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Christian Care Association	providing homeless and marginalised people in the Chichester and Bognor area of West Sussex with shelter, support and advice
CIS'ters	supporting women in the UK who have been victims of childhood incest and raising awareness of the situation
East Surrey Domestic Violence Forum	helping to reduce domestic violence and assisting victims in East Surrey by providing protection, support and advice
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group	supporting detainees at Gatwick Airport through friendship, information and discrimination awareness
Kent and Medway Walking Bus Group	supporting parents, groups and schools in Kent and Medway by the operation of walking buses
Lighthouse Education Project	meeting the needs of young people in the traveller community in Watersedge through an alternative learning environment
Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Cars	providing community transport for residents in Mayfield and Five Ashes attending health related appointments
Surrey Appropriate Adult Volunteer Scheme	looking after the welfare of juveniles and vulnerable adults in Surrey while in police custody
The Heart of Kent Hospice	supporting patients, families and staff in the hospice through physical, emotional, social and spiritual care
The Lakes Estate Summer Group	serving the needs of Bletchley through social and educational family activities
The Source	providing a centre for young people in Aldershot for mentoring and social activities, reducing anti-social behaviour
The Sussex Snowdrop Trust	supporting families of children in West Sussex diagnosed with life-threatening or terminal illnesses
TALK	supporting people in Surrey with dysphasia difficulties through therapy and communication partnerships
Volunteer Centre West Berkshire	providing a volunteer recruitment resource centre and a community transport scheme in Newbury
Wallingford Coach for the Disabled (Elizabeth)	provision of community transport in Wallingford and district for people with impaired mobility

South West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Camborne Community Centre	managing a community resource in Camborne to provide social, educational and recreational facilities for local residents
Codford Youth Group Network	providing a meeting place for young people in Codford with recreational and sporting activities
Ford Park Cemetery Trust	restoring, managing and preserving the architectural and historical heritage of Ford Park Cemetery
Gloucestershire Cloud 9	organising holiday of a lifetime visits for children in Gloucestershire who have physical or chronic illnesses
Hartcliffe and Withywood Teenage Parents Project	providing practical, emotional and mentoring support for teenage parents in Bristol and raising awareness through education
Newquay Rowing Club	providing recreational rowing and a social focal point for adults and young people in Newquay alongside local fundraising
Support Against Racist Incidents Charity	supporting victims of racial harassment in Bristol through advice, training and raising community awareness
West Somerset Disability Association	providing support, social and educational opportunities for people with physical difficulties living in West Somerset

West Midlands

Voluntary Group

Biddulph East Residents Association
Newton Farm Community Association
South Wye News
Stafford Samaritans
Strokes R Us

Activity Description

promoting the interests and needs of residents in Biddulph East through community partnerships with agencies and organisations
offering free and confidential sources of information and advice to groups operating within South Wye and to the general public
involving people in South Wye in a regular and sustainable newspaper profiling issues of local interest
supporting people in Stafford who are in distress or in life threatening situations
supporting and advising people in North Staffordshire who have stroke related health difficulties

Yorkshire and the Humber

Voluntary Group

Caring For Life
Hookstone Chase Community Association
Huddersfield & District University of the Third Age
Pakistan & Kashmir Welfare Association Ltd
Wakefield Hospice
Young Leaders in the Community

Activity Description

providing long term support and care to those with mental health, domestic and homeless difficulties in West Yorkshire
providing a centre for the community to participate in social, educational and recreational facilities
encouraging active lives in Huddersfield through mental stimulation and recreational activities for retired people and those with physical difficulties
redressing the poverty and disadvantages faced by the Pakistani and Kashmiri communities in North Kirklees through an innovative range of services
providing specialist palliative care to patients in Wakefield Hospice together with fundraising for amenities
recruiting and training young people in the Manor to support drug prevention projects

Scotland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
BCD Credit-Union	providing a range of financial and insurance services to residents in Bridgeton, Calton and Dalmarnock
Beith Playpark Action Group	providing a recreational facility for children and young people in Beith and raising funds for further development
Caldercruix Youth and Community Development Project	providing a programme of activities and opportunities for children and young people in Airdrie to increase educational and employment potential
Dedridge Good Neighbour Network	providing Livingston New Town with a sense of common identity and support through advice and social activities
Islay and Jura Advice Centre	providing a free and confidential independent advice service to residents and groups in Islay and Jura
Killin Mountain Rescue Team	locating climbers and walkers in difficulties in the Killin mountainous area
Ragamuffin's Children's Theatre	bringing children and adults together in Torry and Aberdeen through community theatre events and activities
Skye Old People's Welfare Committee	providing transport for elderly people in Skye attending appointments and recreational activities
The Esk Valley Trust	encouraging public awareness of the Esk Valley through the creation of community paths
The Gladiator Programme	delivering physical activities through play and sports programmes in schools and communities in Greater Easterhouse and across Glasgow
The Muirfield Group of Riding for the Disabled	offering riding therapy to disabled people in and around East Lothian for the benefit of their health and well-being
Ullapool & District Junior Pipe Band and Highland Dancers	developing skills, talent and self-esteem of young people in Ullapool and district and the provision of a community activity

Northern Ireland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Aghalee Village Hall	management of a resource centre for residents from all areas of the community in Aghalee
BCM Volunteers	helping those most in need in the local community through practical and emotional support

Wales

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Eastern Valley Tenants Panel	advising and supporting tenants in Eastern Valley to encourage community involvement
Moelfre Community Project	involving older people in the Moelfre community through a day care centre, social and educational facilities
Rhyl Gateway Club	providing a meeting place for social, recreational and educational facilities for those with learning difficulties living in Rhyl and district
Swansea Chinese Community Co-op Centre	promoting the well-being of the Chinese community in the Swansea area

Guernsey

Voluntary Group

Channel Islands Air Search

The Guernsey Women's Refuge

Activity Description

providing a rapid response airborne search facility in the waters surrounding the Channel Islands

offering accommodation to women and children in Guernsey seeking respite from physical or domestic abuse

Jersey

Voluntary Group

Community Bereavement Service

Activity Description

providing a free and confidential bereavement counselling service to people in Jersey

Isle of Man

Voluntary Group

Riding for the Disabled Association, Isle of Man

Activity Description

providing riding and carriage driving opportunities for people in the Isle of Man who have physical and learning difficulties

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