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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2006

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2006 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

East Midlands

Voluntary Group

Amazon Young Women's Project

Braunstone Stars and Angels

Bulwell Credit Union Ltd

Lincoln and District REMAP Panel

Literacy Volunteers

Activity Description

youth workers motivate and encourage group members to develop creative initiatives to tackle the issues of crime and public safety.

provides a community based activity for children from 4 years, to learn singing, voice training and performance.

provides basic financial services to people in the area, educating and encouraging people on low incomes in the wise use of money management.

relieves and rehabilitates disabled people, by the design and manufacture of specialised equipment (not commercially available) which is supplied free of charge to clients.

helps children who are finding reading difficult to overcome their problems and discover that reading can be fun.

East of England

Voluntary Group

48th Ipswich Brownies
Accuro
Earthworks

Glaven District Caring Committee

HEAL

Home-Start Stevenage

Hormead Hares Football Club

Hospice at Home Volunteers

South Norfolk Youth Symphonic Band

Suffolk Hearing Support Service

The Cambridgeshire Parliament

The Deeping Men's Group

Activity Description

offers fun and challenging activities for girls aged 7-10.

provides a range of services for children and adults with a disability.

people of all abilities learning and working together with enjoyment, creating something valuable for the whole community.

provides extra care and comfort as well as medical and personal services to the elderly and frail of the twelve villages in the Glaven valley.

a self-help and support service for adult survivors of childhood abuse.

offers support, friendship and practical help to families with young children in the families' own home.

football club for young members of the community.

provides free care and support for people with life limiting illnesses on a weekly basis.

to advance and encourage the education of children and young people between the ages of 8 and 23 years in the theory, practice and performance of music.

provides routine maintenance of NHS hearing aids, on a one-to-one basis, either in people's homes or in an advice centre or hearing clinic around the county, offering support and running hearing clinics around the county.

supporting people with learning difficulties to become active citizens in their communities, representing others and developing themselves.

raises funds to buy and loan out wheelchairs and other medical equipment free of charge within the Deepings area.

London

Voluntary Group

Chance UK

Friends for Friends 1:1 Club

Jigsaw4u

LNBP at Braunston (London Narrow Boat Project)

Sangam Association of Asian Women

Shpresa Programme

Stonebridge Older Person's Forum

Sutton Seniors' Forum

Activity Description

works with primary school children who have behavioural difficulties, through matching them with adult volunteers.

integrated club for people with learning disabilities and their volunteer friends.

supports children and young people through loss and trauma whilst empowering them to have a voice in decision making about their own lives.

provides residential facilities on the Projects own boats to enable children, young people and the less able to enjoy the experience of canal boating on the inland waterways.

provides information, advice and support to the local and adjoining borough community.

enables the Albanian speaking community in UK to settle and fully participate in society.

advances the interests of people aged over 60 years in the Stonebridge area.

promotes the welfare and interest of Seniors in the London Borough of Sutton, providing a platform where matters of concern to Seniors can be raised.

North East

Voluntary Group

Barnardo's Newcastle Pyramid Scheme
 Firthmoor and District Community Association
 Gateway Wheelers
 Whale Hill Community Association Ltd.

Activity Description

provides emotional health checks for all year 3-4 children, inviting 10 children to attend a Pyramid Club to help build confidence and self esteem.
 works on behalf of the community providing help and support with welfare, education, health, leisure and improving the environment.
 provides suitable cycles, equipment and support to enable people with disabilities to cycle and to create opportunities for personal development.
 provides facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupations by providing a community base.

North West

Voluntary Group

Back Door Music Project
 Disability Awareness Day
 Donna's Dream House
 Four Groves Community Association
 Hospice Care for Burnley and Pendle
 National Phobics Society (NPS)
 PACT (Patient Aid Caring Team)
 Preston Panthers
 Rochdale Connections Trust
 Silverdale First Responders

Activity Description

provides youth of the borough with opportunities to express, learn and achieve musical skills.
 promoting independence throughout life and work for disabled people and their families.
 provides free holidays in Blackpool for terminally ill children and their families at Donna's Dream House.
 makes the area a safer place to live, increasing community spirit, improving the environment and improving health.
 provides for the special needs of people with cancer or other life-limiting illnesses, specifically providing palliative care for people in the area.
 provides a range of services across the country for people affected by anxiety disorders and related conditions.
 offers assistance and comfort to patients of Central Park Medical Centre, mainly working with people in bereavement or who are terminally ill.
 provides sport and recreation for young people with disabilities or impairment.
 helps children or young people who are excluded from social and educational opportunities because of disaffection, exclusion, family or other problems.
 provides an interim service between dialling 999 and the arrival of the ambulance service.

South East

Voluntary Group

Aik Saath
Canterbury and District Recorder

Children with Special Needs Foundation
Cuckmere Community Bus
Folkestone Migrant Support Group

Homecall

Medway Towns Conservation Volunteers
Oxford Friend Lesbian and Gay Helpline

Shanklin Voluntary Youth and Community Centre

South Bucks RDA Group

Southwater Community Police Office

Spelthorne Civic Pride Volunteers

St Paul's Family Meeting Place, Child Contact Centre
The Bexhill Caring Community

The Crowborough Vale Drama Group
WAMDSAD

Wolverton Secret Garden Society

Woodingdean Youth Centre

Wychwood Project

Activity Description

promote peace and harmony through the teaching of conflict resolution skills.
recording on audiotape the local news for the blind, visually handicapped and anyone unable to handle a newspaper.

cares for children with special needs giving them self esteem and self importance.
provides a bus service for villagers to get to towns for shopping etc.
provides facilities for the relief of poverty and distress of refugees and asylum seekers and other migrants and their families.

recruits, selects, trains and supports volunteer visitors for a home visiting service which helps substantially visually impaired people to maintain their independence and relieves their social isolation.

undertakes environmental restoration and install public interest in the park.
provide information, support and counselling on lesbian, gay, bisexual and related issues, to Oxfordshire and the surrounding area.

provides activities for the youth and community of South Wight in an accessible, safe, secure and welcoming environment.

provides therapeutic, recreational, educational and sport riding opportunities for disabled people.

provides a highly visible, reassuring and valued link between the local community and the police.

encourages residents to take an active part in improving their local environment and to show the residents the good effect they can have on their street, footpath, park and wild places.

gives children with divorced parents the opportunity to maintain contact with their families, meeting in a neutral and stress free environment.

promotes within Bexhill the welfare of those in need, hardship or distress, in particular, but not exclusively elderly persons in any manner deemed by law to be charitable.
a drama group to raise funds for distribution to local good causes.
provides sports and recreational facilities and opportunities for physically and sensorial disabled people.

acquire, plan, develop, maintain and fundraise for the patch of land that they now call The Secret Garden.

helps and educate young people through their leisure time activities so as to develop their physical and spiritual capacities.

encourages people to understand, conserve and restore the landscape and wildlife habitats of the former Royal Forest of Wychwood.

South West

Voluntary Group

Body Positive Dorset
Forest Fitness Centre
Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind
Gwavas Residents Association

Helford River Children's Sailing Trust

Knowle West Media Centre

Newent Association for the Disabled

The Chalke Valley Link Scheme

The Winsford Trust

Activity Description

a positive response support centre for all people living with or affected by HIV.
provides exercise and health education for all members of the community.
promotes the relief of visually impaired people within Gloucestershire.
provides facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for people in the area.

provides opportunities for children to learning how to sail, gaining confidence and enjoyment of the sea.

the project aims to use media as a tool to involve people in the regeneration of their communities, to build skills and create opportunities for participation on initiatives that promote social, cultural and economic development.

provides social and recreational activities for physically disabled people of all ages at Sheppard House, and dial-a-ride and shuttle transport services.

contributes to the community well being by providing care, support and transport for those who may need it.

transformation of a former cottage hospital into a centre which provides a base for social, educational, health and leisure activities for the community.

West Midlands

Voluntary Group

Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities (CFPD)

Friends of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital

Longmynd Adventure Camp

Ludlow Marches Skill-Building Project

Sikh Nari Manch Women's Group

Tipton Community Association

Activity Description

gives any person with a disability the opportunity to participate in a regular team sport.

relieves patients of the hospital who are sick, disabled, infirm or in need of assistance and generally support the work of the hospital.

an adventure camp for socially deprived and disadvantaged children and young people. encourages the next generation of craftsman and artisans, working to educate young people in appreciating the value of craft skills.

aims to empower women in general, but Sikh in particular, through a broad mix of educational, social and recreational activities.

organising events and services to the community.

Yorkshire and the Humber

Voluntary Group

Action for Stannington

Beverley Community Lift

Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team

Friends of Wombwell Cemetery

Holme Valley Mountain Rescue Team

Learning Partnerships Literacy Volunteers

Open Country

Activity Description

develops and provides schemes for the conservation and protection of the environment, encouraging residents to look after their neighbourhood.

provides a transport service to increase the independence of old or disabled people, helping to combat loneliness and isolation.

Search and Rescue team.

preserves, enhances and improves the Wombwell Cemetery area in order to reduce the fear of crime and to make it a place of peace and reflection for bereaved persons.

provides search, rescue and first aid facilities, encourages, promotes and trains young people in safe and proper outdoor activities.

raises the profile of literacy in the school and community, making learning fun and reading enjoyable.

seeks to enable people with disabilities to access the countryside, providing information, advice and activities.

Northern Ireland

Voluntary Group

Down's Syndrome Association

Activity Description

provides information, support and personal development to children and adults with Down's syndrome, their families and members of the general public with an interest in the condition.

Praxis Befriending Service
Riding for the Disabled Association (Coleraine and District)

provides friendship and support for those who are socially isolated by mental ill health. provides horse riding and driving opportunities for disabled persons—both physically and mentally handicapped people from the area.

Scotland

Voluntary Group

ACCORD Hospice

Activity Description

provides care to patients and their families both within the hospice and in the community.

Befriend a Child Scheme

aims to relieve the suffering and distress, promote welfare and advance the education of children in Aberdeen.

Cancer Link Aberdeen and North (CLAN)

provides free information, support, education and complementary therapies together with a range of support services to anyone directly or indirectly affected by cancer.

Gatehouse of Fleet YMCA Drop in Centre

provides a drop in centre for social and informal educational recreation used by local socially and rurally disadvantaged young people.

Interest Link Borders

links adults with learning disabilities throughout the Scottish Borders one-to-one with compatible and trained volunteers so they can meet up on a regular basis to do activities of their choice in the community.

Inverclyde Family Contact Centre
Knowetop Community Farm Volunteers

supports and promotes positive relationships between children and absent parents. promotes and advances knowledge in the fields of horticulture, agriculture, care of animals, recycling and other environmental issues.

MARC

a social enterprise which provides advice and information to the community about a range of services. It also offers training and education, and provides reused furniture and household goods to the general public.

Moffat Mountain Rescue Team

rescue service for people injured, immobilised, lost or in distress in the Moffat and surrounding areas.

Newtongrange Phoenix Club for the Disabled

entertains and stimulates people who have learning difficulties to make them feel welcome and wanted.

Oasis

provides a pleasant and welcoming place for young people of secondary school age. The premises are a safe and attractive alternative to hanging around on the streets and becoming involved in the drugs culture.

Tain Gala Association

brings the wider community together through the organising and staging of both large and small scale events and activities throughout the year.

The Murray Foundation

provides support and counselling to patients affected by limb loss or limb absence.

Wales

Voluntary Group

Helping Hands

Activity Description

provides a home comforts lending service of medical and other equipment to seriously ill residents in the local area.

Just Us

supports young people, providing a number of vital support roles to young people involved with Swansea Youth Offending Team.

Neath Port-Talbot Cancer Challenge Charity

aims to buy life saving equipment for the cancer units in our local hospitals, raising money through a variety of initiatives including a choir.

The Beacon of Hope

gives comfort and guaranteed practical action for people when they are ill or dying and for their families and carers.

Guernsey

Voluntary Group

The Guernsey Specials Gymnastics Club

Activity Description

provides opportunities for children and young people with a variety of special needs to do gymnastics.

Isle of Man

Voluntary Group

Sailing for the Disabled

Activity Description

provides sailing opportunities, both training and leisure, to people with disabilities of any form.

Jersey

Voluntary Group

Meals on Wheels Service (Jersey) Society

Activity Description

delivers hot meals to those in need.
