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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2007

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2007 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

Guernsey

Voluntary Group

Les Bourgs Hospice

Activity Description

Les Bourgs is a Christian Hospice, we wish to provide an opportunity for enhancement of quality of life for those people of the Bailiwick of Guernsey who are living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses that are no longer responsive to curative treatments and support their families.

Grow Limited

The main aim of Grow Limited is to give occupational training, help and support to the learning disabled.

London

Voluntary Group

24th Tottenham Scout Group

Activity Description

A Scout group for the disabled

Brent Ladies Football Club

To work with young people to address problems stemming from teen indolence and provide role models/mentors; regenerate the interest of football to young people and adults especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds and raise awareness of young people around the issues of inequality and discrimination.

Friends United Network

Changing children's lives through friendship.

Generation Link

Generation Link matches young isolated parents and their children with older volunteers as surrogate grandparents.

London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

Aims to provide 24 hour access to high quality information support and referral for the empowerment of all lesbian and gay men and anyone who needs to consider lesbian and gay issues.

New Malden Volunteers, Met Volunteer Programme, Metropolitan Police Service

To provide an effective and high quality service that will enhance customer care to visitors at New Malden Police Office.

Age Concern Kingston Upon Thames
Age & Youth School-Based Project

To enable older people to volunteer their skills, talents, knowledge and experience in order to support primary school children with their learning and the children to benefit from the expertise and positive role models provided by the older volunteers.

East Midlands

Voluntary Group

Branston Booths Village Hall Committee

Muslim Burial Council Of Leicestershire (MBCOL)

Edale Mountain Rescue Team

Activity Description

The purpose of the group is to provide physical and mental recreation, social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading, recreation and entertainment.

Acts on behalf of the needs and requirements of the Muslim community locally, nationally and at a European level regarding the procedures and practices relating to the interment of the deceased.

Saves lives in wild and remote places.

East of England

Voluntary Group

Helping Hands Gardening Group

MBA Association

Norfolk and Norwich Families' House

The Tilbury Riverside Project

Waveney Stardust

Friends of Somersham Library

The Blakeney Neighbourhood Housing Society

Activity Description

The helping hands project offers gardening service to people who are elderly, disabled or disadvantaged in some way, ie lone parents, those on low incomes, victims of crime.

To work in partnership with statutory bodies, local government schools, community and voluntary groups to build self esteem, give support encouragement and social mentoring to young people and develop their motivation to become successful members of the society.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of vulnerable children and their families by meeting their specific needs. Provide a family support service, such as a befriending scheme, parent support groups and one-to-one family support. Also provides a supervised contact service, which is normally referred by the family court, social service or other partner agencies where there is medium to high risk to children following family breakdown. Supervised contact in a neutral, comfortable environment for children ages under 18 to meet their parents or other relatives they are separated from.

The main aim of the Tilbury Riverside Project is environmental regeneration. The group aims to promote and encourage awareness and pride amongst the residents and community of Tilbury, especially through the regeneration and use of the common land riverfront and wonderful historical features in the town.

Benefits disabled people of all ages unable to embark on the surrounding waterways. It provides a purpose built day cruiser suited for wheel chair users with all other aids necessary for day trips.

Providing a volunteer run library and information centre, a valuable resource for our local communities.

Its aim is to help preserve one of the most beautiful villages in North Norfolk, by converting old cottages to provide affordable housing for local families.

Isle of Man

Voluntary Group

Cruse Bereavement Care Isle of Man

Activity Description

For people at a vulnerable time of life, Cruse Bereavement Care Isle of Man exists to promote the well-being of bereaved people, and to enable anyone bereaved by death to understand their grief and cope with their loss.

North East

Voluntary Group

Darlington Coronary Support Group

Activity Description

It is the aim of the group that all heart patients and their carers can overcome their problems to again lead active and fulfilled lives. To support this process, the group offers facilities for discussion, information and education, for exercise, social meetings and relaxation.

Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade

Assist in the saving of life on the local coastline, through shipwreck or otherwise. Maintain and repair the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade headquarters, attended to its preservation. Develop Brigades historical artefacts and look after museum. Involved in museum visits and lectures etc.

North West

Voluntary Group

Carisma

Activity Description

To promote a positive image of young people and assist them to access opportunities available to them, diverting those that are the most vulnerable or at risk of offending.

The Cheshire Academy of Integrated Sport and Arts

The Cheshire Academy provides children and young people opportunities in sport and the arts working with young people who have physical, sensory or learning disabilities.

Vale Royal Disability Services

This group was set up to provide accurate information to empower physically disabled people, their families and carers.

Women's Enterprising Breakthrough

WEB's aims: Education and support for local women and to provide a high quality service to woman, opportunities to explore personal choices and further their personal development, the time, space and flexible support to regain confidence and self-esteem and to promote opportunities for developing women's personal skills to enable them to get more from their life.

Woodlands Hospice Charitable Trust

Aim is to improve the quality of life for people living with cancer and other life threatening illnesses and also support their families and friends.

Youth Action Ltd

The independent community organisation works with young people from 8-24 yrs across Blackburn and Darwen. Offers young people activities which motivate, educate and allow them to be productive in their spare time. Improves the quality of life for young people and the whole community. Activities promote self help, empowerment and team work. Enhances multicultural understanding and mutual respect. Enabling positive change.

Northern Ireland

Voluntary Group

Greater Shankill Alternatives Community Support Volunteers (GSA's)

Activity Description

Provide support volunteers who help victims of crime.

Riding for the Disabled: Omagh Group

To provide free of charge, riding sessions for children and adults with special needs in a safe environment.

Derry City Red Cross—Meals on Wheels

Meals on wheels service.

Scotland

Voluntary Group

Aberdeen City Mission
Airdrie Music Project

The Ardler Environment Group
Seagull Trust Cruises
Bargeddie Forward

Duns and District Amateur Operatic Society

H.O.P.E. (Hospitalfield Organic Produce Enterprise) Trust

North Lanarkshire Scramble and Quad Bike Club

Radio North Angus

Activity Description

A Christian Charity working with those in need and crisis.

The main objects of the group are to encourage young people in Airdrie and surrounding areas to express themselves through music. The group also provides facilities and equipment for young people.

Caring for our local environment.

Free canal cruising in Scotland for disabled people.

Aims and objectives of the organisation are to provide the village with social or recreational clubs, committees, venues, etc to enhance the village and to bring the community closer together.

To encourage all ages in the community of Berwickshire to participate in dramatic and operatic arts.

A group which works with adults with learning disabilities teaching them gardening skills and producing organic vegetables.

Recreational biking for young people.

The provision of a voluntary-operated independent, local radio station for the county of Angus. It promotes health, welfare, voluntary organisations, educational establishments and the local economy.

South East

Voluntary Group

Basics Hampshire
Arun Co-ordinated Community Transport

Crawley and Horsham Home-Start

Home-Start Banbury and Chipping Norton

Kintbury Volunteer Group
Sir Michael Sobell House
Swaythling Neighbourhood Centre

The Archway Foundation

Hi Kent Volunteer Visiting Scheme

Eastbourne and South Wealden MS Society

Activity Description

Volunteer Doctors who attend Road Traffic Accidents and Major accidents.

To provide affordable and accessible transport for those unable to use public transport and who would otherwise be isolated in their own homes.

The aim of the group is to provide support to parents with young children who are coping with stressful situations. The idea behind the scheme is that if parents feel that their support needs are being met, they can, in turn, better meet the needs of their children and it is also hoped that the support provided can help to prevent crises developing and the breakdown of family life.

Offers friendship and informal support to parents with young children, so that every child can have a good start in life.

Provides transport and many other services to residents of Kintbury.

They provide care and help to patients in the hospice.

The main aim of the group is to manage and maintain a community facility to enable organisations, clubs and local people to use/provide a range of low cost and inclusive activities and central meeting place for the area.

To relieve distress associated with loneliness, provide weekly opportunities for meeting with others in a supportive social setting, offer individual support and help prevent the development of mental health problems.

To patiently explain, demonstrate and train deaf and hard of hearing to insert and use their hearing aids, enable to use their aids to the best advantage, provide clinics across Kent to maintain these aids by cleaning, re-tubing, checking batteries and to pick up any problems with the aids at the outset.

To help all people affected by multiple sclerosis.

South West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Bristol Taleem-Ul-Islam	To provide supplementary Islamic education for the local children from reception age through to GCSE, promote good citizenship within diverse ethnic groups, promote participation in sports and support local main stream schools with GCSE revision classes open to all communities.
Camel Group	Provide help and support to people with mental health problems.
Ferndown Jitsu Club	Volunteers teaching the Martial Art of Foundation Ju-Jitsu to the many children and young people within our community.
Cornwall Blind Association	Cornwall Blind Association provides services, support and advice to visually impaired people and provides support across the county and aims to provide services to people of all ages and backgrounds.
Headway Bristol, The Brain Injury Association	To provide early and ongoing support, assist the brain injured to return to the community, promote understanding and awareness of aspects of brain injury and to increase knowledge of the range and duration of the needs of people with brain injury.
The Pewsey and District Feast and Carnival	Maintaining the traditions of Pewsey Feast.
Truro Gateway Club	They provide leisure and pleasure opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

Wales

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Cruse Bereavement Care, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda and Cynon Taff	To promote the well-being of bereaved people and to enable anyone bereaved by death to understand their grief and to cope with their loss and to help maintain physical health and well-being.
Bethlehem Church Life Centre	Our overall aim is to make our community a better place to live. We aim to make provision for all sections of our community especially in the areas of Health & Fitness, Family and Education. We seek to serve our community through an appropriate and comprehensive programme of activities and use our resources, facilities, volunteers and employees to serve our community with excellence.
Merthyr Phab Club	To promote and encourage people with and without disabilities to come together to integrate in all aspects of the community.
Founders of Bobath Cymru	Paul Lubas and Glenys Evans are both founders of Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales. The aim of the centre is to provide specialist Bobath therapy to children from all over Wales who have cerebral palsy.

West Midlands

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Newport Cottage Care Centre Trust	The trust provides day care facilities for the elderly people in the community.
Worcestershire Pre-school Learning Alliance VIP Special Needs Scheme	To ensure the inclusion of pre-school children with a disability and/or illness into community pre-school provisions and to then support the children, their families and the provision accommodating the child.
Donnington Wood Community Cafe	The cafe provides reasonably priced healthy food, training opportunities, further education, and socialising.
Cedar Tree Residents Association	Promote the interests of Cedar Tree Residents Association and those who would like to be involved in improving the area. To represent the views of the people, provide social activities, to assist in the neighbourhood watch scheme, sporting activities, job seeking help and help for the disadvantaged in the community.
Holy Trinity Meeting Place	They provide friendship and a hot meal and drinks to the homeless in a relaxed Christian atmosphere.
The St George's Recreation Ground and Public Hall	To provide recreational facilities for the people of the area of the former Oakengates Urban District Council, but in particular the areas of St George's and Priorslee.

Yorkshire & The Humber

Voluntary Group

Foresight Limited

Deame Kids Activity Group

St Augustine's Centre, Halifax

The Sheffield Association for People with
Cerebral Palsy Sports Club

Activity Description

Provide services for the blind and visually impaired people, their carers and families and establish needs and desires of blind and visually impaired people, highlighting gaps in current services and instigate new and innovative projects.

The groups aim is to provide educational recreational activities for those youngsters of low income or state benefit families, activities not normally within the reach of such households.

Provide a local resource with a range of activities and services for parents and children in the community with a current emphasis on work with refugees and asylum seekers.

To promote sporting opportunities for the association members, promote well being, confidence and self-esteem, offer competitive sports, social functions, and empower the clubs members to be involved in all aspects of the organisation.

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