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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2009

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2009 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

East of England

Voluntary Group

Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre

Heartstart Medics (Norwich)

Hospital Radio Norwich

NCI Coastwatch Mundesley

Isabel Hospice

Khalsa Football Academy—Striving for Unity

Northern Heights Volunteers—Girlguiding Middlesex East

Turnford Netball Club

Activity Description

providing therapy, information and support for people with Multiple Sclerosis

introducing emergency life support skills into school curriculums across Norfolk

helping to relieve the stress and distress of a hospital stay through broadcasting and bedside visits

assisting HM Coastguard by providing a lookout service over the North Norfolk coast

delivering holistic care to hospice patients and their families in eastern Hertfordshire

bringing different people together through the participation of Asian young people in footballing activities

maintaining a campsite and offering adventure-filled environmental activities to young people and other community groups

encouraging girls from Broxbourne and surrounding areas to develop a healthy lifestyle through a team sport

East Midlands

Voluntary Group

Gwendoline Community House Volunteers
Magic Moments for Autistic Kids

The Opal Project

Victim Support's Young Witness Service

First Taste

Activity Description

improving the quality of life for people living on the local estate in Hinckley

supporting all families affected by autism and giving their members some magic moments

producing appropriate resources to support the young people of the world who self harm

preparation and support for children and young people in Nottinghamshire giving evidence in court

an Arts Education Programme for elderly people in residential/nursing homes and day care centres in Derbyshire Dales

Guernsey

Voluntary Group

Bailiwick of Guernsey Victim Support and Witness Service

Activity Description

providing essential support to victims of crime and witnesses

Isle of Man

Voluntary Group

Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association

Activity Description

raising awareness of cancer and promoting a healthy lifestyle for its prevention

Jersey

Voluntary Group

Parkinson's Disease Society—Jersey

Samaritans of Jersey

Activity Description

providing support, advice and activities for those people affected by Parkinson's disease to enable them to lead as rewarding a life as possible

giving confidential and emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair

London

Voluntary Group

Children's Forum—BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha
The Diamond Centre for Disabled Riders

Activity Description

nurturing Hindu values, education and talents in children and young people in London

providing disabled people living in London with equestrian opportunities at all levels to benefit their health and wellbeing

North East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
The Rape and Sexual Abuse Counselling Centre	providing a unique counselling service in Darlington for survivors of sexual violence/abuse
Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project Prudhoe Community Allotment	providing physical and emotional support for disabled and special needs youngsters helping disadvantaged people and those with learning difficulties to gain practical experience and training in gardening
The Trustees of the Jubilee Institute Northumberland Scouts Uganda Link	provide an accessible location for social activities in an otherwise isolated village providing support for communities in Uganda to generate an income whilst providing a life changing experience for young people from Northumberland
Tyneside Cyrenians Ltd	providing emergency intervention, skills development and other assistance to the vulnerable and socially disadvantaged
Women's Health in South Tyneside	offering a broad range of integrated health provision and walk-in self referral for women

North West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Cheshire Show Volunteers Team	facilitating the organisation of a County Show alongside providing educational information about the countryside
Cumbria Advisory Thyroid Service Headstart at Christie	providing support, advice and information to sufferers of Thyroid dysfunction boosting the morale of chemotherapy patients in the Christie and Greater Manchester through the development of attractive headwear
Mood Swings Network	encouraging the recovery of people with severe mood disorders and supporting their family and friends
League of Jewish Women North West Region	performing services to the Jewish and wider community including bereavement counselling, a talking newspaper and work at a hospital and Chinese Academy
Longridge Road Tenant's and Resident's Association	providing activities for children, teenagers and elderly residents of a deprived estate in Ribbleson
St John's Church Open Doors Lunch Group	assisting with social interaction and a weekly nourishing meal for elderly and/or lonely people in Nelson
Park View 4 U	putting the heart back into living by providing fully inclusive play and leisure facilities for all ages

Northern Ireland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
RNID Hearing Aid Volunteer Project Carers Forum on Learning Disability	empowering hearing aid users to understand the benefits of their hearing aids establishing an effective partnership arrangement with the local Health Trust to address areas of concern to carers and people with a learning disability
Rowandale Integrated Primary School Steering Group	raising awareness of, and establishing, integrated primary education provision for families in the Moira area
South East Fermanagh Foundation	providing support services and intervention for victims and survivors of paramilitary violence
Morph The Altnagelvin Hospital Choir	agents of change for young people in Dungannon normally excluded from society enhancing the cultural life of the hospital, the city and the wider community and raising funds for local and international charities

Scotland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Brechin Youth Project	offering a safe, alcohol and drug free environment for young people to experience a wide range of activities
Multiple Sclerosis Centre Mid-Argyll	providing accessible therapeutic services and support to people affected by Multiple Sclerosis in Mid Argyll and Kintyre
Keith Cancer Link	providing a vital support to cancer patients, their carers, family members and friends in Keith and the surrounding area
The Wick Society	a museum which serves as an educational resource for local residents researching the history of the town and its past fishing industry
Badenoch and Strathspey Community Transport Company	providing essential transport to elderly and disabled residents in widespread isolated rural communities
basketballpaisley	engaging in local community initiatives to support the needs of young people by improving opportunities and reducing crime
Inverclyde Athletic Club	upholding an outstanding record of achievement in athletics in the region
Dalbeattie Museum	providing a community facility for the conservation and promotion of local history
Lochside Theatre	providing a community theatre in Castle Douglas equipped to high professional standards
The Gordon Highlanders Museum	preserving the legacy and regimental treasures of the world-famous Gordon Highlanders
The Haven	offering support to patients and their families in Lanarkshire affected by serious and life-changing conditions

South East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Family Friends	supporting families with young children in Windsor and Maidenhead
Maidenhead Care	responding to community needs, such as transport, shopping, visiting the lonely and housebound, help in the home
Mothertongue Multi-Ethnic Counselling and Listening Service	providing a culturally-sensitive listening and counselling service for multi-ethnic communities in Reading
Bucks Association for the Care of Offenders	supporting serving prisoners and ex offenders and their families with financial aid in Buckinghamshire
Love in Action (MK) Ltd	relieving the hardship and distress among people who are homeless, living in poverty or suffering from social or economic adversity
Beautiful Battle	improving and maintaining the environmental quality of Battle
Pevensy & Westham Junior Football Club	providing children with high quality football coaching in a safe, positive and happy environment
Ryde Inshore Rescue	an inshore rescue service covering an area of Solent outside the auspices of the RNLI
The Isle of Wight Green Gym	improving the quality and access to local green spaces
121 Youth Befriending	helping excluded and isolated children in Kent who live on the fringes of society or caring for a relative
St Peter's Village Tour	providing a guided walk around St Peter's Village for the benefit of local people and visitors
Elmbridge Community Link	helping people with learning difficulties live integrated and independent lives
British Red Cross—Fire and Emergency Support Service (Surrey)	supporting members of the community who have been affected by fire and flood
The Matrix Trust	engaging in transforming community spaces by renovating gardens and homes in Guildford through Ready 4 Action
Woking Branch of the Alzheimer's Society	supporting local people with dementia related illnesses and their families
Woodlarks Camp Site Trust	providing camping facilities in Surrey specifically designed for children and adults with all levels of disabilities
Angel Radio	providing unique entertainment, information, and reminiscence therapy, mental and physical stimulation for the elderly in Havant

South West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Kidz 'R' Us	providing theatrical facilities, helping to encourage the self esteem and confidence of young people in St Ives and the surrounding areas
Wild Young Parents Project	providing opportunities for young mothers and their children in Cornwall to gain new skills and improve their self esteem
Trinity Methodist Church	reaching out to the community in Newlyn through its range of groups and activities
Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (Cornwall)	providing confidential support, advocacy and counselling to women living in Cornwall
Woolfardisworthy Sports and Community Hall	an environmentally friendly building with a wide range of facilities used by local community groups
Hospital Radio Bedside	regularly visiting patients in hospital, collecting their requests and providing a wide range of programmes to aid their well-being and recovery
St Peter's Hospice Volunteers	enabling patients to benefit from holistic care and providing support for carers and families
The Filling Station Swindon	providing food and basic provisions to the street homeless and those on low or no income
The Jo Benson Day Centre	providing a centre for physically disabled adults to socialise and gain access to advice and learn new craft skills
West Lavington Youth Club	offering young people a focal point for their activities and keeping them away from drugs and alcohol misuse

Wales

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Growing Space	offering real work skills and a support network to help people with mental disabilities reach goals and improve their quality of life
Aberdare Children's Contact Centre	facilitating meetings between estranged family members for the benefit of children
St John's Community Hall Management Committee	facilitating the needs of the community through a social centre providing access to groups for lone parents and people with physical or learning difficulties

West Midlands

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Club 2000 Sports and Leisure	providing sports and leisure opportunities for people with physical and learning disabilities living in Telford
Shrewsbury Children's Bookfest	inspiring, enthusing and entertaining children through literature and the Arts
Carers' Advice & Resource Establishment Sandwell	providing information on personal development, support and social interaction for carers in Sandwell
Friends of Victoria School	supporting young people with complex needs by providing positive experiences and promoting disability awareness
Moving On Club	a Solihull club offering companionship to past carers of people with Alzheimer or Dementia
Pedmore Senior Citizens' Club (St Peters)	bringing together the older and lonely members within the community through social interaction
Sahil Project	supporting Asian Women who suffer from stress, isolation and depression in Coventry and Warwickshire
Tipton Litter Watch	restoring environmental pride through practical regeneration and educational activities for young people in Sandwell

Yorkshire & The Humber

Voluntary Group

The Committee of Elvington Senior Citizens
SAFE@LAST

Second Nature Life Support—Winthrop Park

Brighouse Old People's Welfare Committee

Carleton Glen and St Giles View Tenants and
Residents Association

West Riding Woodcarvers Association

Activity Description

providing senior citizens in the village with a range of friendship services and activities
providing safe refuge, ongoing support and access to specialist services for young
runaways at risk of harm

transforming a derelict sewage works into beautiful nature therapy gardens for the
community, with special facilities for the disabled and elderly

a pop-in centre catering for the elderly, providing companionship, refreshments and
warmth to enhance their quality of life

supporting the elderly and young people in the community through social and
environmental activities

sharing, encouraging and expanding a common interest in the ancient art of
woodcarving

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