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# The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2011 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community.

# East of England

*Voluntary Group* Blue Cat Initiative

Colne Valley Special Sailors Garden House Hospice Halstead in Bloom Peterborough Racial Equality Council (PREC)

Southrepps Commons Trust Thriplow Daffodil Weekend Committee Watford Arabic School

#### Activity Description

Assisting homeless and vulnerable people to help re-engage them in the wider community

Providing sailing experience for people with disabilities

Providing hospice care and support for patients, their families and friends

Enhancing the local environment along with raising awareness on environmental issues Promoting good community relations and providing free training, development, advice and support for communities in Peterborough

Maintaining and managing a local community amenity and its environment Managing a community event raising funds to benefit other local charitable groups Providing community-based language education to promote harmony and cultural understanding

## East Midlands

Voluntary Group Bingham and District Audio Magazine

Friends of Thringstone

Harmless

#### Activity Description

Provides a monthly magazine for people who are either visually impaired, have restricted mobility, and older members of the community Improving the local environment to preserve and promote its history for the benefit of residents and visitors Providing support to those who self-harm and a network for friends and family affected

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## Guernsey

Voluntary Group The Alderney Library

Dyslexia Day Centre Guernsey

Activity Description

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Providing library services to the community alongside fundraising for a permanent facility Teaching children and young adults with dyslexia and creating awareness of dyslexia in the wider community

#### Jersey

Voluntary Group Macmillan Jersey Prostate Cancer Support Group

Raising awareness of this illness alongside providing support to those affected

# Isle of Man

Voluntary Group Noble's Hospital Volunteers Activity Description Providing patient-focused support, companionship and assistance to people in hospital

# London

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
Esther Community Enterprise	Giving purpose to surplus, by distribution of food items and consumables to disadvantaged members of the community
Petts Wood Playgroup for Children with Special Needs	Providing care and education for pre-school special needs children in the local community
Redbridge Education and Social Welfare Support Group (Awaaz Group Community Empowerment)	Providing support, Information and Social Welfare for Ethnic minority women in the local community
Redbridge Voluntary Care	Providing transport, advice, neighbourly help and support to anyone in need in our local community
Scene and Heard	A mentoring project that brings together the inner City children of Somers Town, London, with volunteer theatre professionals to create original theatre
Value Life	Raising awareness to inspire and empower young people to become advocates against gun and knife crime within society

# North East

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
Contact Morpeth Mental Health Group Ltd	Providing care and support for those with mental health issues and long-term social deprivation challenges
Cowpen Quay Community Association	Providing social, recreational and educational activities to residents of Croft Ward and Cowpen Quay
Gateshead Cleveland Hall Community Association	Providing activities for children and young people through a sports development programme
Newcastle Chinese Healthy Living Centre	Providing social, recreational and educational activities for members of the local Chinese community
St Oswald's Hospice Volunteer Group	Supporting the staff of the Hospice along with care and assistance for patients and their carers
Trimdon Station Residents' Association	Championing cohesion through activities and the provision of a community centre

# North West

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
CADAS Volunteers	Delivering support to people of all ages and backgrounds affected by drug and alcohol addiction
Colne Open Door Centre Ltd	Offering support and advice to the marginalised and vulnerable members of the community
Eden Valley Hospice Volunteers	Contributing to the provision of palliative care services for patients and support to carers
Icebreakers Manchester	Promoting the well-being of gay and bisexual men, since 1986, by providing a safe meeting environment in which to develop mutually supportive friendships
St Anne's Hospice Volunteers	Providing support for patients with cancer and other life threatening illnesses and their carers
St John Ambulance Cheshire Young Carers	Providing specialist support to young carers through a holistic approach to their health and well-being
Thomas Street Bowling Club	Working with community groups to highlight the health benefits of active participating in bowling
Tindall St Allotment Group	Engaging local marginalised members in a workforce to maintain a community garden and orchard
Twinkle House	Providing sensory support services to Children, Young People and Adults with Disabilities, Learning Difficulties and Additional Needs in West Lancashire
West Lancashire Carers Sitting-In Service	Giving respite to family carers and emotional and practical support to elderly, disabled and isolated people
West Lancashire Disability Helpline	Offering advice, information and support to disabled people and their carers to enable them to live the lives that they choose
Wythenshawe Wheelers	Providing an all-ability, fully accessible cycling facility with a wide range of adapted cycles

## Northern Ireland

Voluntary Group

Dunmurry Community Association Lisburn Community Self Build Ltd

Lisburn Voluntary Laundry Service

Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Foundation Volunteers

#### Activity Description

Providing a place for exchanging ideas and social activities for the local community Providing training and experience in the construction industry to young people in the local community

Providing a weekly laundry service for elderly people and those living with terminal illnesses

Maintaining the Constabulary Garden with historical guided walks accommodating disabled and specialist groups

### Scotland

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
Addiction Recovery Centre	Supporting all those facing addiction problems, and offering support to any family members affected by these same problems
East Lothian Special Needs Playschemes	Providing school holiday playschemes for children with Special Needs in East Lothian
Elgin Youth Development Group	Providing a space for young people to develop life skills through training, counselling and support
G15 Youth Project	Providing information, advice and support to young people living in a deprived area of the City of Glasgow
Harmony – Bringing Life Through Music	Providing free interactive musical performances to the frail elderly or mentally disabled and their carers
Oban War & Peace Museum	Curating, managing and promoting the museum and providing an educational resource for visitors and local residents
Paired Reading Group	Providing a community-based reading club for children from disadvantaged backgrounds and others who wish to further progress their reading skills
Playbusters Ltd	Working towards an East End of Glasgow where people of all ages can realise their potential and make a difference to their community
Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme Forth Valley	Sharing skills, talents and life experience through activities that make a positive local impact
Scottish Fisheries Museum Boats Club	Conserving historic boats and maintaining the fishing culture through fund-raising and educational initiatives
Sleat Community Trust	Identifying and designing projects addressing local needs and public and private partnerships
Spòrsnis (Ness Sports and Recreation Association)	Establishing and maintaining a sports and recreational facility for communities in the Hebrides
Tweed Wheels (Tweeddale Community Transport)	Tweed Wheels vehicles and volunteers provide accessible, affordable transport to local individuals and voluntary groups throughout the community
Upper Tweeddale Community and Red Cross Drivers	Providing a service taking patients to and from appointments at hospitals and clinics
Woodroad Regeneration Forum	Regeneration, development and maintenance of a local park serving deprived members of the community

# South East

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
AFC Portchester Football Club	Supporting access to football for all ages and spearheading local charity fundraising activities
Ascot Area Alzheimer's Association	Promoting social inclusion for younger people with dementia through a range of activities
Bexhill Community Bus Ltd	Providing residents with transport facilities to do their shopping and essential trips
The Billinghurst Community Partnership	Awarded to all those who have given their time to benefit the people of our Community
Brighter Futures for Older People	Providing weekly escorted trips and activities as well as a befriending service for the elderly
Buckingham, Winslow and District Citizens Advice Bureau	Providing a welfare benefit and debt advice home visiting service to those who live in rural isolation
BYHP (Working with Young People)	Helping vulnerable young people through an holistic approach to their difficulties
Carers UK Isle of Wight Branch	Offering respite along with an advice helpline and newsletter for full-time carers
CHASE hospice care for children	Providing care for children, teenagers and their families at home and in hospice care
Chilterns MS Centre Ltd	Providing practical help, treatment and support to people with Multiple Sclerosis and their families
Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres	Providing a space for children with special needs to learn and develop skills through play
East Grinstead Museum	Maintaining a museum and conserving its collection for the local community residents and researchers
Effingham and District Community First Responder Scheme	Providing immediate emergency care to casualties in the community before the arrival of local emergency services
Friends of Little Chalfont Library	Establishing and managing a local volunteer based library and providing a range of services for the benefit of the community
Gay Elderly Men's Society	Offering regular interaction and a support network for older gay men
Hampshire Search and Rescue	Providing assistance to the police searching for vulnerable missing persons in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
Health Action Charity Organisation	Working with African communities in the Medway to improve access to health services
Helen & Douglas House	Providing symptom management, respite and end-of-life care to children and young adults living with life-shortening conditions and support to their families
International Cookery Exchange	Providing an opportunity for multicultural cohesion through cooking activities
Isle of Wight Ramblers	Campaigning for greater access to the countryside and encouraging community participation in walking activities
Me2 Club	Providing support for children and young people with additional needs to participate in mainstream activities and clubs
NCI Folkestone	Keeping a watch on the sea and shores in and around Folkestone to provide a good response service in emergency situations
New 2U and Time Out 4U	Facilitating a no-cost opportunity for people to re-cycle and access good quality children's clothing; family support and social experiences
Newbury Community Resource Centre	Supplying furniture and household items to those in need along with training and volunteer opportunities for all, particularly those at a disadvantage
Ocean Youth Trust South	Using Adventure under Sail to give young people the skills they need to succeed in life
Off the Record	Providing a dedicated friendly counselling and support service for young people
Oxted and District LINK Association	Providing a Community Service for those in need in the Oxted and District RH8 postal area
Painshill Park Trust Ltd	Restoring an eighteenth century landscape garden now open to the general public
The Prison Phoenix Trust	Providing meditation and yoga to prisoners and prison officers assisting with their daily spiritual practice
Rowhill Nature Reserve Society	Restoring and maintaining neglected woodland for the enjoyment of the public
The Stewards of Surrey County Agricultural Society	Providing support and management of an annual large urban area agricultural show and ploughing match
Surrey Drug and Alcohol Care	Running a dedicated helpline for those suffering from drug and alcohol dependency and those affected by it
Utulivu Women's Group	Promoting healthy living through gardening, healthy eating, education, sports, music, art and craft while supporting women and children integrate in the wider community
West Berkshire Mencap	Providing a wide variety of services for people with learning disabilities with support for families and carers
Windrush Valley Boxing Club	Providing access to the sport of boxing on a recreational, educational and competitive level
Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum	Creating inter-faith dialogue through community-based intergenerational initiatives and activities
The Wintershall Plays	Bringing public performances of Christian plays to the community

## South West

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
Avon Valley Railway Heritage Trust	Restoring and preserving the local railway heritage, providing a leisure facility and operating its trains for educational and instructional purposes
Constantine Enterprises Company	In recognition of 10 years continuous activity to improve the quality and sustainability of village life
Cornwall Samaritans	Providing confidential emotional support by telephone, e-mail, text and in the community to those in Cornwall experiencing despair, distress or suicidal feelings
Exeter Children's Orchestra	Enabling children to enjoy the opportunity to play and perform music together, whatever their ability, both in the local community and abroad
Glastonbury Opportunities	Volunteers from the community helping local people find jobs, courses and volunteering opportunities
Hope Nature Centre	Providing young people with learning disabilities an opportunity to interact with the public by helping with the running of the centre
Hospiscare Volunteers	Supporting patients, families and carers by providing care, practical help, governance and fundraising
Hospital Radio Plymouth	Providing a diverse and entertaining schedule of programmes for patients to include interactive participation from listeners and their families
The Julian Trust	Helping the homeless in the City of Bristol by providing night shelter accommodation with hot food and other facilities
Lanreath Amenities Group	Organising events promoting community cohesion and a community bus service
Mendip Community Transport Dial a Ride Car Scheme	Providing transportation for patients in the local community to hospital and health appointments
The Open Door Centre	Day resource for adults with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and mental health issues, providing a range of social and leisure activities
Pathfinders (Swindon)	Enabling young persons with physical disabilities, to experience a range of activities, they would otherwise be unable to access
St Agnes Museum Trust	Recognising the sustained commitment and dedication of museum volunteers and supporters in preserving and promoting the heritage of St Agnes Parish
Take Note	Providing live music performances to the elderly, infirm and those living in care homes
TR14ers	Mentoring and supporting young people from socially challenging backgrounds through street-dance workshops
Trelander and St. Clements Community Association	Providing a community building as a hub for inter-generational social activities
Totnes Caring Ltd	Providing help and assistance to the elderly, disabled and vulnerable people living in Totnes and surrounding areas
Westward Ho! Youth Theatre	Providing local young people with opportunities to participate in theatre arts and activities
Wiltshire Search and Rescue	Supporting Wiltshire Police with the search for vulnerable missing persons and providing dedicated resources

# Wales

Voluntary Group

Abergwyngregyn Regeneration Company Thornwell Football Club Activity Description

Providing a focus for much-needed facilities for the village community Running a football club for young people living in an area recognised as socially deprived

### West Midlands

Voluntary Group	Activity Description
Ashley and Loggerheads Community First Responders	Providing essential medical care to casualties in the community until the arrival of emergency services
The Bromyard Light Brigade	Providing the Annual Christmas Lights Display
Chadsmoor Tapestry Group	Helping with the development of creative and artistic skills along with providing embroideries for those in the local community
Chesterton Community Forum – One Stop Shop	Providing advice, support and access to services for vulnerable residents living in the community
The Project Group	Providing a therapeutic and creative environment for people with mental health problems
Rudyard Sailability	Providing sailing and water-based activities for those who live with disability
St John Ambulance Quadrilateral Division, Newcastle Under Lyme	Improving awareness of health, safety and care in the local community
Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team	Supporting the police and emergency services in the search for vulnerable missing persons
Walking for Health in Wolverhampton	Befriending, guiding and supporting local residents on free local health walks
Yarpole Community Shop Association Ltd	Providing a community shop promoting social interaction and opportunities to buy local fresh produce

# Yorkshire & The Humber

Voluntary Group Friends of Sandall Park Humber Rescue

Hull Kung Fu

#### Activity Description

Regenerating an urban park for the benefit of residents from the local community Providing fast-response lifeboat cover and support for emergency services in rescues along the Humber Estuary

Developing the needs of children and young people in Hull and East Yorkshire including self defence, confidence building and career development



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