

Awards Evening speech

Good evening ladies and Gentlemen, visiting Mayors, Mayoresses and consorts welcome to our Second Community Awards evening.

After the great success of our first Community Awards evening in 2010

The Town Council has set up the 2011 Community Awards to recognise those members of the community who give up their time, energy, and skills to do that little bit extra for the benefit of all of us.

It has been a hard task to choose the winners as there are many deserving people in our Community, who do a lot of work as individuals and within groups in the town. These people work away tirelessly and without thanks to keep the town vibrant and lively and are welcoming to everyone.

For a relatively small town, we here in Hatherleigh can feel proud of all the work put in by many people to keep this town thriving like it is.

The other evening I was talking to some new residents in Hatherleigh who have only been here a few months "I asked why they choose this area."

They commented while staying in the area they visited Hatherleigh and found how friendly Hatherleigh people were, talking to them in the street. they were surprised at what the Town had to offer.

Coming from a Big City area they have never been so busy with something happening every evening, Hatherleigh offers them a lot more then where they came from.

They came here for a quite time to retire "No chance of that"

We should be proud of our town. We have some **great** successful organisations in this town, both large and small, offering something for every age and every interest.

The Town Council recognises their hard work and thanks them all.

To help us choose who should receive awards this year, and with community **at the** heart of the evening, we asked the residents of Hatherleigh to nominate who they **felt** should be recognised for their hard work and success within the community.

We received a good number of nominations, from which the Town Council has chosen the Award winners in the following categories:

Outstanding Individual Community Award - Under 18: male and female

Outstanding Individual Community Award - Adults this section has two Awards.

Special Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community

Community Group Award

And finally the award for someone who has made a big contribution to the community over a long period, and we wish to recognise this with our:

Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout the evening **we** will be making these awards, and I will be assisted in the ceremony by my fellow councillors who will read a citation to explain how the award winner has contributed so much to our community in 2011. They will then announce the winner, and they will be invited to come up on stage and receive their Award.

After the Awards there will be a break for a buffet which will be followed by live music from **Josie Lloyd** and last year's **winner** of Hatherleigh's Got Talent, **Holly Gilbert** accompanied by **Rob Love**.

Holly is only **15** and is very talented Singer song writer and writes a lot of her own material which she will present tonight.

So sit back and please enjoy the evening ahead.

So without further delay may I welcome?

Cllr. Andy Gilbert, Andy has just joined the Council a month ago and is already coming forward with some good ideas for the Community.

Andy will read the citation for **outstanding Individual for under 18 female Award**.

I would now like to welcome on stage **Cllr Chris Calkin** who will read the citation for **outstanding individual under 18 male. Award**

We now have a special Award this year for **outstanding contribution to the Community** which will be presented by our **Deputy Mayor Cllr Liz Abel**

We now move onto the **Outstanding Adult Awards**, there are two awards in this category the first Citation will be read by **Cllr Ian Trenaman**

The next Citation in this Category will be read by **Cllr Gary Bush**

I would now like to call on **Cllr Liz Abell** again to present the **Community Group Award**.

Finally we now have the **Lifetime achievement Award** given to a person who has made a big contribution to our Community.

This Award will be presented by **Cllr Richard Jones**.

And finally as you may be aware Hatherleigh Town Band are competing tomorrow in the National Championships at Cheltenham not only are they representing Hatherleigh but the South West ,

On behalf of the Town Council I wish them every success.

That concludes the Awards part of the evening there will now be a short break for a buffet, served in the small meeting room please go through the kitchen into this room.

Invited guest please lead the way.

We now move onto the entertainment side of our evening all the way from Red Lane Hatherleigh, for your entertainment please welcome on stage Josie Lloyd

Please welcome the very talented Holly and Rob who will perform some very unique Songs. As mentioned earlier Holly writes her own Material.

Holly and Rob

I would now like to thank everyone for attending this year's event and thank our invited guest for attending. Thank-you to Josie, Holly and Rob and a special thanks to Garth our sound technician. See you all next year.

