

Hatherleigh Town Council

Community Awards 2011

James Woodhams

What to say about this young man? There's a lot but to keep it brief: He's only been In Hatherleigh for 6 years, but on arrival he joined the Silver Band, playing the cornet and is highly regarded within the band.

Two years later he joined the Devon Youth Brass Band, also playing the cornet, but so well, that he rapidly became the soloist and for this year has become the principal cornet player.

Not satisfied with this, he has played with the Okehampton College Big Band since he joined the college at Age 11, on the cornet again, but also on jazz trumpet and vocals, touring with that band in Europe and the USA.

He is currently studying for his 'A' levels and hoping to go on to University and a Performing Arts degree.

That shouldn't be much of a problem, because his love of the stage has seen him take leading parts in productions for Okehampton college and other parts for Holsworthy HATS and the Okehampton Courtney players.

Somehow amongst all this, he's found the time to give 50 hours to a school voluntary scheme helping out around the school mainly in the music department, not surprisingly, but also in the technology department; work experience at Hatherleigh Primary School and a place on the Okehampton college sixth form charity fund raising committee.

All of these efforts reflect well on Hatherleigh as a whole, although of course, they reflect even better on the young man himself, and for these, quite frankly, amazing efforts, the Under 18 Community Award for an Outstanding Contribution goes to someone who says that the stage is his favourite place. So please come up to your favourite place and collect your award:

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