



Community Network Awards

At the Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency's Awards Ceremony held on 26 May 2009, three recipients were members of the Community Network who have been actively involved over the past year. They were nominated by fellow members.

The awards were presented by John Potts, Hartlepool Partnership to the following, the reason they were nominated are outlined below:



Brenda Loynes – Brenda is relatively new to the Network and has grown in confidence over the last year. Despite being a relative newcomer, Brenda has become a prominent member of the Network and is now a Steering Group Member. Her growing confidence allows her to raise issues brought to her from other concerned residents – this is particularly evident at the Central Neighbourhood Forum and Resident Representative meetings.



Mary Power – to particularly thank her for the many years she has been volunteering. Mary is passionate about her area and has the confidence to ensure residents views are aired at a range of Forums. Mary is a member of the Community Network Steering Group and the Working Neighbourhoods Fund Grants Panel.



Joan Steel – Joan is a Resident Representative from the North area of town and attends the Children's Scrutiny Forum. She adds value to any meeting she attends, ensuring her wealth of knowledge and experience promotes debate and discussion. Her contributions are always reflective of the wider community and her personal quality of diplomacy allows her to air these views in a constructive manner.

The Hartlepool Partnership Theme Awards were also made by Representatives of the Theme Partnerships, the following groups received awards:

Housing and Environment Award—Hartlepool Borough Council Countryside Wardens

Children and Young People—Hartlepool Families First

Health and Care—The Artrium

Jobs and Economy—Owton Fens Community Association

Community Safety—ADDvance

Strengthening Communities—Hart Gables

MBE Congratulations

The Community Network would like to congratulate both Julie Rudge and Iftakhar Hussain on receiving an MBE. Julie from Dent/Derwent Street Residents Association received her award for services to the community in Hartlepool. She has taken the lead on the innovative 'Safer, Cleaner, Greener' initiative, which aims to give residents a renewed sense of pride in their local environment. Iftaker from the Salaam Centre received his award for services to Asian People in Hartlepool. Iftakhar has been a Community Network Black, Minority, Ethnic Communities Representative on the Hartlepool Partnership for the last two years.

Well done Julie and Iftakhar!

LINKs Update

Hartlepool LINK is about **YOU** having your say on Health and Care Services. LINKs is a network of residents, local groups and organisations promoting and supporting involvement of people shaping the future of services in Hartlepool.

The LINKs first AGM was held on 29 May 2009 in which all Committee Members were elected.

For further information on LINKs or how to become involved contact Christopher Akers-Belcher on (01429) 262641.



A tribute to Muriel Boreland

Along with many people in the town the Community Network was saddened to hear of the death of Muriel Boreland. Muriel was a highly involved member of the Community Network and will be sadly missed. Her years of dedication to ensuring the voices of residents were heard and listened to were celebrated and acknowledged by the Network during 2008, when she received a well deserved Volunteers Award.

Muriel was very active in her community. Her passions, to name but a few, included: ensuring appropriate and adequate provision and services were available to all young people and ensuring the neighbourhood was clean tidy and a safe place to live in (especially during the regeneration of the Dyke House area).

Muriel was a special lady, full of enthusiasm and spirit. The loss to the Community Sector is immense but her presence will never be forgotten.

50+ Forum

The 50+ Forum is to enable people aged 50+ in Hartlepool to have a voice on matters which are important to them, whilst providing organisations and agencies with a mechanism to consult with them on a range of issues that relate to planning and developing services. The Forum welcomes all people aged 50+ who live in Hartlepool. The Forum meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm at St Josephs Court, Victoria Road. For further details contact Christopher Akers-Belcher on (01429) 262641.

Headland Carnival

This year's Headland Carnival will take place between 25 July—8 August 2009.

The Headland Carnival has been going for over 82 years. The Carnival is run by volunteers who give up their time each year to bring the Carnival to life with events like Miss Carnival, Quiz League Finals, Town Fair, Baby Contest, Treasure Dig, Fun Sports Day—visit www.historicalhartlepool.com to view the full programme.

Come along and enjoy all the fun with organised activities for the whole family!

Next Community Network Meeting

Tuesday 15 Sept 2009
12noon—1pm
Belle Vue Community,
Sports and Youth Centre

Does your Organisation/Group you have an event coming up that you would like to publicise through this bulletin?—if so please contact Julie Turner, Community Network Support Officer on (01429) 262641 or e-mail j.turner@hvda.co.uk by the end of August 2009.

PLEASE ENSURE THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED ONTO OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP

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