

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



PRESS RELEASE

TOWN MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERS 2014

Presentations were made for the annual Mayor's Award for Volunteers 2014 at Godalming's Annual Town Meeting held last night, Thursday 10 April 2014.

The four recipients were all nominated for making outstanding contribution to the community of Godalming and this award is given to recognise that voluntary service to Godalming/Farncombe and the community as a whole.

The recipients were Mr Terry Grimwood for his support of ex-service personnel, Mr Nick Hetherington for his involvement with the Godalming CAB and local schools, Mr Kevin Marshall for his role at Godalming Town Football Club and Mrs Gillian Redrup for her contribution to the girl-guiding movement locally. All were presented with their framed certificates and small token of gratitude for all their hard work by the Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Tom Martin.

Speaking recently, Councillor Tom Martin said:

"I never cease to be amazed by the veritable army of volunteers who work within the town; volunteers make an invaluable contribution to the life of our community and its an honour to be able to award those members of our community that go that extra mile."

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Notes for Editors:

Mr Terry Grimwood

Nominated by retired Sergeant Richard Moore, for his continuous support for ex service personnel and the injured veterans within the local area. Terry is the local representative for the Not Forgotten Association, which is a unique national tri-service charity which provides entertainment, leisure and recreation for the serving wounded, injured or sick and for ex-service men and women with disabilities. This involves helping all ex-service personnel including the injured and disabled veterans locally in coping with their daily lives. Terry is also seen selling poppies for two weeks in the lead-up to the annual Remembrance Day observances and single-handedly collects in the region of £10,000 annually. Terry has also recently helped to set up the Godalming Veteran's Mess, without which veterans would have nowhere to meet. This is a vital contact point for many.

Mr Nick Hetherington

Nominated by Mr Phil Davies, for being a shining example of someone truly engaged with his local community. Nick has been volunteering for Godalming CAB and CA Waverley since 2001, both as an adviser and an Advice Session Supervisor. He is a constantly cheerful and reassuring presence in the office and is always prepared to 'go the extra mile' for the clients he sees. Nick is also actively involved in a number of other charities and organisations, both locally and internationally, particularly those helping young people. Over many years Nick has contributed to the Godalming community through volunteering as clerk to the School Governors at St James' Primary School, clerk to the School Governors at Farncombe Infants School, Trustee and Treasurer to Queen Street pre-school and Registrar to Queen Street Baptist Church. Nick was instrumental in setting up the Farncombe Street Team, which helps to reduce antisocial behaviour in Farncombe through engaging with young people in the area. He is also a regular member of local "litter picks". Nick is a truly remarkable volunteer, and equally importantly is a kind and caring person in all he does, including in his relationships to his family and friends.

Mr Kevin Marshall

Nominated by Mr Dave Allen, for taking on the Commercial Co-ordinator duties for Godalming Town Football Club to raise funds and the profile of the club. Kevin is at the forefront of the football club's involvement in the local community, bringing them together through sport. Always a cheerful front man it is also his role to raise sponsorship for the club and does this so well with his welcoming and friendly personality. Kevin carries out his role as Commercial Co-ordinator in addition to his full-time employment as a local taxi driver and its fair to say that the club would be much worse off without his continuous input; especially after the problems and damage caused by the recent extreme weather.

Mrs Gill Redrup

Nominated by Ms Claire Lake, for her contribution to girl guiding in the local area over many years. Not only does Gill organise her own girl guiding troop in Farncombe, she also organises camps that all the guiding and scouting troops attend within the district ie. Frantic Camp and Scout-about. Gill has also helped with local Brownie and Rainbow troops and endlessly devotes her time and energy to this fantastic cause. Gill arranges activities for the girls within her troop, such as canoeing and has been lately getting the girls to undertake a new badge on internet safety to ensure they are safe and continually looks at ways to keep them safe in this ever-changing world. Gill plays an important role in occupying young people within the 10-14 age range giving them somewhere to go and currently gives 35 girl guides a focus they might not otherwise have. Without her commitment and passion this club might well not exist or be so well-attended. It is a testament to her that she has been involved in girl guiding for 30 years.