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MARVELLOUS GODALMING MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS QUEEN'S AWARD

Godalming Museum and the Town Council are delighted to be able to announce, in this the Museum's centenary year, that the Museum volunteers, as a group, have been nominated for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the very highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK for outstanding work done in their local communities for the benefit of others and sets the benchmark for excellence in volunteering. The annual Award was created by Her Majesty in 2002 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of her coronation and is considered to be the equivalent of an MBE.

The nomination is a reflection of the many thousands of hours given by the museum volunteers each year and recognition of the wonderful work that they do.

On 25 February, a number of museum volunteers were able to attend a virtual reception for those Surrey organisations nominated this year. Hosted by HM Lord- Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux and the volunteers were addressed by Sir Stephen Lamport, Chairman of the Local Surrey QAVS Panel. HRH the Earl of Wessex thanked the representatives from the ten nominated organisations by video message.

Alison Pattison, Curator of the Museum said "I am thrilled that the museum volunteers have been nominated for the prestigious Queen's Award for Volunteering. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the museum's work, front of house and behind the scenes, and it is wonderful to have their invaluable contribution recognised in this way."

Take a virtual tour and visit Godalming Museum's website at http://www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk

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Other nominees of the QAVS are: Dorking Museum & Heritage Centre, Emerge Advocacy, Home-Start East Surrey, MANNA Foodbank, Mid Surrey Community Fridges, Royal Egham Show, SERV S & L, Surrey Minority & Ethnic Forum, Woking Street Angels

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