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### **TOWN MAYOR THANKS VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers, who give up so much of their time to serve the community, are the town's unsung heroes. Godalming's Annual Town Meeting held on Thursday, 20 March gave the opportunity for the Mayor, Councillor Paul Rivers to say thank you to seven worthy volunteers who were nominated by other members of the community.

The Mayor's Volunteer Award recognises the service to the community of the nominees for their outstanding contribution to others.

This year's recipients were Carlyne Nye who volunteers for the Farncombe Day Centre; Maggie Haskell, who also volunteers for Farncombe Day Centre, Tone Tellefsen Hughes for all her work in setting up the Green Hub Project, David, who volunteers at The Meath Epilepsy Charity's on-site Café, The Hive, Graham Ekins who has volunteered for many years at Farncombe Cricket Club and local schools, Ellen and Peter Stevenson for their involvement in the creation of the wellbeing garden at the Broadwater Youth Centre. All were presented with framed certificates and a Godalming town badges; a small token of gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

One group was also awarded, this being the Farncombe Community Garden for the set up and continued maintenance and development of the garden. The team was presented with a framed certificate in recognition of their continuing work and commitment.

One additional presentation was made for a Good Citizen Award to Peter for his positive action on behalf of the community. Peter was presented with a framed certificate.

Speaking recently, Councillor Paul Rivers said: "It was a privilege to present the Mayor's Volunteer Awards to worthy local residents who make such a positive difference to the lives of others. It's so gratifying to have this opportunity to show how Godalming promotes community."

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