



Tonight Ladies and Gentlemen we are here to honour those unsung heroes, who go about our town and make Shrewsbury what it is today...somewhere we love to live, work, play and visit. Many of these people just get on and do what they do without question, fuss or attention.

It's not about who has done the best, it is about who has done their best for our town, for in some way shape or form we can all contribute to town life.

For many of those nominated tonight, it will have been a shock to receive an invitation, and we apologise for being very vague in the invitation to join us tonight. Well no we're not sorry; we love to watch the surprise on your faces. Tonight is about an opportunity to say thank you.

Our Mayor and Deputy Mayor have witnessed first hand the work of these individuals, organisations and community groups and both are extremely supportive of their nominations tonight.

Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards

Business Awards



Shrewsbury Town Council



NATHAN CRAIG

We so love Shrewsbury folk who do good and this young man has the makings of doing just that. Last year Nathan set up Idle Films and is quickly gaining a reputation as a film director and producer and his name is one to watch for at the end of film credits in the future. But his nomination for the Mayor's Awards is for his commitment to and love of his birth town. Last year he helped set up the Shrewsbury Film Festival organising the highly successful evening of film orchestra in St Chad's. This year's event will be bigger and better and will provide yet another great festival for the town's bursting events calendar. A young entrepreneur doing great things in Shrewsbury.

AUBREY KIRKHAM FUNERAL DIRECTORS

This organisation's mantra is one of investment of time providing an excellent standard of care to its clients when they probably need it the most. Well established in the heart of Frankwell this family-run business intends to invest further, by expanding their operations where they are currently based and also expanding their workforce through employing apprentices.



RADFIELD HOME CARE

It is always wonderful to see a family-run business succeed. This brother and sister duo had the unique experience in growing up and helping out in their parents' residential care home, but it also gave them a valuable insight into how care should be delivered to ensure the best outcomes for both the individual but also their carers and their families. Dignity and respect are the key qualities for this business regardless of whether it is providing support for shopping, helping out around the home or more complex support like administering medication or dementia care. Having its service rated good or excellent by every single client for the sixth year running shows they must be doing good things.

SALOP DESIGN & ENGINEERING

Setting up business in a town is about maximising investment, working hard and ploughing profits back in to grow a business so it is strong and sustainable. But it is also about investing in the workforce so that they feel part of the business and want to grow with it and it's about investing in the place where you set up your business. This company has been based in Shrewsbury for over 20 years and in the last three years alone they have seen their workforce double in size to 80. Under a very enthusiastic and ambitious management team, staff are offered courses to improve their skills but also add value. But it is probably the value to Shrewsbury that has seen great benefit, promoting the town wherever and whenever they go and not just when they go anywhere, they tweet it too @salopdesign

SHREWSBURY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

It is less than 18 months ago that the business community in Shrewsbury town centre overwhelmingly voted in favour of establishing a Business Improvement District to enhance what Shrewsbury has to offer, to encourage both residents and visitors that Shrewsbury is the shopping destination in the West Midlands and equally importantly to support local business giving them a say in how our town centre develops. Ladies & Gentlemen they have thrown everything into establishing Shrewsbury's image as the Original One-Off destination and I would encourage you all to visit originalshrewsbury.co.uk and follow them @originalShrews

Business Award Winner



Shrewsbury Business Improvement District



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Built Heritage



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GALLIERS NEW HOMES

The name of Galliers has been linked with house building for nearly 30 years, but the recent downturn in the housing market meant the company had to take stock of its business portfolio and mothball their operations. But in 2014 the Phoenix rose from the ashes with ambitious plans to resurrect their business and once again be recognised as a local builder of quality homes for the area. With a number of sites in construction in and around Shrewsbury 50 houses are planned to meet all needs and the added benefit of house building will be evident for all to see. In the last year this company has provided employment for 15 local people and we very much hope the phoenix keeps on rising.

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

If goes without saying that Shrewsbury School has one of the most visually prominent sites in the town and any development on the site has the potential of having a dramatic impact on the vistas of Shrewsbury and the Conservation Area. Over the last few years we have seen a number of high profile building projects; the Shrewsbury School Boat House Extension, the New Teaching Block, Replacement of Stained Glass Windows in the Chapel, a new accommodation block for the girls to name a few. All have been carried out in a very respectful manner slotting new next to old whilst maintain the character of the area.

Built Heritage Award Winner

Shrewsbury School



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Tourism Awards



Shrewsbury Town Council



THE CAFE AT ST MARYS

In the 2010 Mayoral Awards, Councillor Alan Townsend recognised Battlefield 1403 for its quality, its attractiveness and its level of service that tourists from far and wide have been attracted to. More recently they have expanded beyond their current location and can now be found in St Mary's Church, providing that same quality of produce and service to the many thousand visitors who come to St Mary's Church every year.

AARON CHILD

Well-worthy of recognition for his outstanding efforts, dedication and talented eye for promoting Shrewsbury, Aaron is a gifted Shrewsbury-based film creator with a vision for showcasing Shrewsbury in creative and attention-grabbing ways. He was brought on board by the Business Improvement District to create promotional videos about Shrewsbury and we were all captivated by that will they/won't they Christmas video starring that dog!! Aaron has completely captured the spirit of Shrewsbury's 'Original One-Off' brand. Through his videos he has helped us to promote Shrewsbury to tens of thousands of people, internationally, with recognition from Canada, New Zealand and the US, as well as across the UK. With a great ability to creatively translate a brief to tell our Shrewsbury story and highlight the town in new and unique ways, his videos have made a real impact on profiling Shrewsbury to large and diverse audiences. He's a talented, hard-working and committed local business owner with a passion for the town, and we can't wait for Shrewsbury's next episode of the Gold Blend advert.



DENE EDWARDS

This young man is testament to showing what you can achieve with a lot of hard work, a commitment to what you want to achieve and drive for success. With help from the Prince's Trust, Dene set up Forever Invasion which has run the Shrewsbury Fields Forever Festival for the last four years. He has been able to attract top international acts to Shrewsbury which has been no mean feat and means that local people can experience quality performances on their doorstep that they would otherwise have had to pay Arena ticket prices to see. Dene has shown that he has gone about organising a big event in the right way; he is meticulous in his attention to detail in terms of event planning and public safety and he has gone out of his way to meet with residents to address any very local issues that arise. Get your tickets for this year's event Ladies & Gentlemen.

BEN LAWRENCE

Now if someone said to you - fancy taking part in this event - it's got tight bends, fast corners, lots of cobbles and the odd horrendous climb, oh and the pack will be so tightly compacted you've got an odds-on chance of falling off. The majority of us would decline gracefully. But not for the first Cycle Grand Prix last year that attracted some of the best riders in the country including the Olympic Gold Medallist Joanna Rowsell. This was an event that attracted thousands of residents who all had a different view of where the best vantage point was. And it was an event that attracted families in their droves to come and watch and more excitedly cycle around the track before the big boys were let loose. For a first time event, Ben pulled off the organisation with military precision, but he has raised the bar for the event and people's expectation of this year's event on the 31st May (Free Plug) will inevitably be high.

MARTIN WOOD

What can I say about our larger-than-life town crier to encourage everyone to vote. 2014 saw our Town Crier short-listed for the Daily Mirror Tourism Awards and we came up with our very witty slogan "For Crying Out Loud Vote for Martin". No one escaped the lobbying to vote for him and everyone finished up having the number on speed dial and the first thing we did every morning (before that first cup of tea) was vote on-line. Sadly he was pipped to the post by some Holiday Rep from Norfolk dressed in a canary yellow suit. Aside from that adventure, he is always willing to help with anything to promote Shrewsbury from the Flower Show to Christmas Lights; announcing royal babies to welcoming Britain in Bloom judges; from quiet gatherings of tourists in the Square to yelling his head off from Platform 12 at Euston Station

to announce the departure of the 18.23 Direct Virgin service to Shrewsbury. In our eyes Ladies & Gentlemen he will always be our Tourism Superstar.

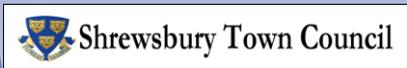
Tourism Award Winner
Martin Wood



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Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards

*Environment
Awards*





ABBOTS WOOD DAY CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Our Countryside Unit benefits greatly from volunteers and three individuals (Chris Suddell, Richard Symonds and Mark Roberts) from the Abbots Wood Day Centre have been regular volunteers for over 5 years helping out with various tasks including litter picking, hedge laying, grass cutting and path laying so that we can all enjoy those little pockets of countryside in our home town. Without people like Chris, Richard & Mark, ladies & gentlemen, we would struggle to manage over 250 acres of countryside right on our doorstep.

BATTLEFIELD PRINTING GROUP

It is heartening to see businesses having an environmental social responsibility featuring in these awards. This local printing firm has invested heavily in a chemical free plate-making system whereby the use of smelly chemicals is omitted in producing their printing plates and combine this with their low energy printing press, the environmental impact of the whole process means good news for the environmental impact is reduced. Battlefield Printing Group has also joined forces with Premier Paper Group to support the Woodland Trust's Capture Programme. They will be inviting customers to help plant trees to support this great initiative.



BOWBROOK ALLOTMENTS

2014 was a Blooming good year, not least for the fact that Shrewsbury became the RHS Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions. But also what excitement turning on the news the following day to find the BBC Weather Girl Carol Kirkwood broadcasting live from our very own Bowbrook Allotments. This venue was chosen by the RHS as they felt it summed up what bloom is about; community, families, resilience, quality gardening and fun. The Bowbrook Allotments as well as playing a fundamental part in the town entry have also excelled in their own right in the bloom competitions achieving national accolades and every year they open up their allotments as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

SHROPSHIRE & NEWPORT CANALS TRUST

The Shropshire & Newport Canals Trust is a waterways society promoting the restoration of the Shrewsbury Canal and the Newport Arm of the Shropshire Union Canal. The Trust was created in 2000 and their volunteers are regularly seen improving the environs of the Old Canal Bed. Their work not only keeps alive their ambitions of one day opening up the whole length of the canal right into the town, but in the meantime we all benefit from the nice environment they help to maintain

Environment Award Winner

Bowbrook Allotments



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GRAHAM WATSON

Graham has been the chairman of the Sutton Area Residents Association and is a key individual in keeping people informed about what is going on locally, what might affect them and championing their cause to make sure they are well represented. Without people like this the communities within Shrewsbury wouldn't be as wonderful as they are.

REBECCA WALL

This lady is one of those stalwart fund raisers for the Severn Hospice which keeps such a fine institution running. Every year she organises a Ball to raise funds for the Hospice and last year alone she had the pleasure of handing over a cheque for £10,000.



ANISA MALIK-MANSELL

For a number of years Mrs Malik-Mansell has run the Cancer Research UK shop in Castle Street and aside from raising valuable funds for such a worthwhile charity, this charity shop is run with a difference that truly helps local people. It specialises in baby and children's wear. The mums in the audience will agree that children outgrow their clothes long before they wear them out and keeping them clothed on a shoestring budget is often very difficult. This is a great place to get some bargains but also help out a great charity too.

WINIFRED ROWLINSON

Win has been on the organising committee of the Monkmoor Over-60's club for almost 34 years ever since the club began in the early 1980's. For the last 17 years they have operated from the Community Room at Severnside's Porchfields Sheltered Housing Scheme at Abbots Road and they meet every Thursday. It is Win's job to organise the various weekly activities from booking speakers, arranging the room and organising the travel. This club offers friendship and company to so many, some of whom are now alone.

DAVE SANDLES

Dave has been the Secretary and Fixtures Secretary for the Shrewsbury & District Football League for what seems like forever (well at least 40 years) ensuring that clubs know who, where and when they are playing every week. The fact that in other places of the country Sunday football leagues are on the decline whereas in Shrewsbury they remain buoyant is testimony to the energy and enthusiasm Dave has for the game and this nomination is supported by local clubs, the league and the Shropshire FA.



WILFRED LANGFORD

For the last 10 years Wilfred Langford has been the Chairman of the Shropshire Art Society, an organisation with over 250 members. He has steadily and skilfully led the society from strength to strength by organising workshops, classes, exhibitions, residential and visits to regional and national galleries. We all have probably attended the wonderful Summer Exhibition at St Mary's Church and revelled in the quality of local artists. All of this adds to Shrewsbury's cultural offer and places our town firmly on the artistic map.

SHREWSBURY PARKRUN

The Shrewsbury Parkrun over the last 18 months has become an established part of the Quarry events programme regularly attracting 300 runners every Saturday morning to navigate a 5km course around the 29 acre park. Over 4,000 people have registered to take part which shows the interest in a simple yet effective form of exercise. But this event, which is free to all participants, would not operate without a large group of volunteers who help to marshal the event, cheer on the runners and scan their bar-codes, so they can keep a track of their progress. Organisers have also organised themed park runs for Christmas and Halloween and helped raise valuable funds for the British Heart Foundation. Overall a great activity to get fit and meet new friends.

SHROPSHIRE DISABILITY NETWORK

Set up in 2008, this organisation, run by volunteers seeks to support people with disabilities or long-term conditions as well as helping their carers, signposting them to support that is available elsewhere, their website and newsletters. The group has been an advocate for all with disabilities, lobbying other organisations to provide access ramps or improve their permanent access. But overall this group strives to encourage people with disabilities to feel empowered to manage their condition and be more in control of their lives.

Community Award Winner
Shrewsbury Parkrun



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Courtesy Awards



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MAGNOLIA MEMORIALS

Bereavement is difficult for those who have to come to terms with their loss, but also continue in life without that loved one close by. And it is always those tangible things that people will hold on to so dearly. This local business runs alongside the family funeral director business and offers that post-funeral service in finding the right memorial to commemorate the life of a loved one. With that same care and compassion they support the bereaved in being able to move on and remember their loved one in the best way possible.



KURT DURNELL

I can categorically say that this chap is the only person who has got away with reprimanding the Town Clerk for showing her legs in public and has also got away with stopping the traffic in the High Street under the gaze of a member of HM police force without being arrested. He even made some of us sleep out in the cold and wet for the Mayor's Sleepout Charity Event; character bonding he said! But activities like hosting the Britain in Bloom Judges or wandering about the Flower Show cheekily telling off our visitors or helping the Mayor to support her charities are only the tip of the iceberg. This individual born and bred in Shrewsbury continues to have Shrewsbury at the heart of everything he does and his charitable work under the guise of Spidey is probably where he excels. Attached to the nomination form were many testimonies from parents of children who have since died but who Kurt brought a ray of light in their final days, stories that will truly bring a year to your eye.

SHREWSBURY MUSEUM & ART GALLERY VOLUNTEERS

There are over 100 volunteers working in the Museum & Art Gallery acting as both meeters and greeters as visitors arrive, but also being positioned throughout the galleries being on hand to answer questions, point out key objects and help with the interactive attractions. The Museum volunteers also sign post our visitors to other attractions within the town and beyond and you only have to take a glance in the Museum Visitors books to see testimonies to their courteous, friendly and helpful manner. If it wasn't for these volunteers, our Museum & Art Gallery wouldn't be the visitor attraction it is today.

Courtesy Award Winner
Kurt Durnell



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Youth Awards



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BELLE VUE YOUTH CLUB

This award is to recognise the work of Helen Hatton, the Youth Club's committed leader who has worked to keep this ship afloat. Over recent years they have lost various sources of income, but it has never stopped her making sure the Belle Vue Youth Club is part of the local community but more importantly remains a safe and friendly environment to encourage 8-18 year olds to develop social and personal skills

LIAM DAWSON

This young man openly shares his life story. At only 17, he has been in care since the age of 9 and has mild learning difficulties, but that has never stopped him being a student at Walford College. Those who know him are completely charmed by him, his enthusiasm and sheer joy for life. He has willingly given his time to help and support many different worthwhile projects which he has done through youth clubs, youth health champions and the National Citizen Service. This young man has most definitely touched the heart-strings of our Mayor and restores your faith in young people.



PINK SPIRIT GIRLS GROUP

This all girls youth group based at Monkmoor Lodge was down to be a casualty of last year's cuts in Shropshire Council's youth budget. But through funds identified by local Councillors, this weekly session has been allowed to continue. This group has helped to support over 50 10-16 year-old girls in the Monkmoor area raising their self-confidence and esteem and preparing them for adult life. They have recently received funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner so long may this group continue.

MIKE HAMES

Mike is the Chairman of the Shropshire Junior Football League and he has been involved in junior football for over 20 years after a similar period being involved in the senior leagues. He was pivotal in the Shropshire Junior Football League becoming the first FA charter Standard League in the country and his continued commitment to the junior game is evident for all to see.



BEACON CRICKET CLUB

The Beacon Cricket Club has been formed for 10 years and plays on the heart of the town at the County Ground here at Frankwell. They have a very active senior club but this award is for their innovative approach to attracting and encouraging young people to take up the sport. They started youth sessions on a Wednesday evening and very quickly they have been attracting over 30 youngsters keen to take up the game. It is encouraging to see the next generation of young cricketers using the Frankwell Cricket Ground, even if they do make such a racket and disturb our Wednesday evening Council meetings.

GREASE MONKEYS

This project was founded in 2009 and is now an established part of Hope Initiatives. Working with young people between 14-30 providing hands-on mechanical experience through working on various vehicles such as a track day car and older vehicles without an MOT over a 12 week period. Whilst gaining an NVQ they also discuss life skills such as team work, budgeting and motivation in a relaxed manner equipping them for meaningful employment.

Sadly no-one from the project was available to attend tonight.

HELENA WILLIAMS

Being a Youth Worker can be one of the most challenging yet most rewarding careers and seeing young people who do not necessarily have the best starts in life mature and develop confidence and self esteem to enter adult life and get their lives on track must fill you with great pride. Helena has been part of many young people's lives in Shrewsbury and at times she has been their constant, giving them encouragement, mentorship, support and guidance to make life choices. Youth services is currently at a crossroads and we very much hope that people like Helena will be there to continue to guide our young people in the future.

Youth Award Winner

Beacon Cricket Club



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*Market Hall
Trader of the
Year*



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Market Hall Trader of the Year

Third Place

Birds Nest Café



Market Hall Trader of the Year

Second Place

Market Buffet



Market Hall Trader of the Year

First Place



Amess Brothers
Fruit & Veg



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To round off our presentation we have the Mayor's Special Awards, awarded to those the Mayor has observed during her year in office and who she would personally like to commend and show her personal gratitude.

These are the kind of awards that make the Mayor go gushy and I fear there will be lots more hugs and kisses as we go through them.

These awards are given to individuals, organisations and businesses that the Mayor believes has gone that extra mile in helping others, promoting our town and generally making Shrewsbury that extra special place.



THE HIVE

As many of you will be aware, Madam Mayor has a bit of a creative flair and has long-since been a big supporter of young people displaying their creative talents. So when it came to her choosing her Mayoral Charities, I could have quite comfortably banked all our Town Council balances on her choosing The Hive. The Hive prides itself on celebrating arts, culture and creativity and they are justly proud of their reputation of being an organisation with a mission to provide a base for young people to explore and build on their creative skills. We are truly lucky to have such a vibrant venue offering live gigs, film screenings, training and a creative environment for young people to mix and share ideas right in the heart of our town centre.

Mayor's Special Awards

The Ark



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THE ARK

The Shrewsbury Ark has been a local charity close to the Mayor's heart and this year she has raised funds to support their work. This also involved sleeping out in the wet and cold last weekend. The Ark provides a refuge for those in need or distress, is a haven for friendship and warmth and most importantly is a sign-posting agency for help and advice for those who genuinely need it.

Mayor's Special Awards

Beryl Galliers



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BERYL GALLIERS

The Mayor has chosen to nominate Beryl Galliers for one of her Special Awards to acknowledge the support she gives to local charities, raising money through her own organised events, baking and any other way she feels appropriate. She is a very lovely, caring person, always there for those who need her, supporting them through their trials and adversity.

Mayor's Special Awards

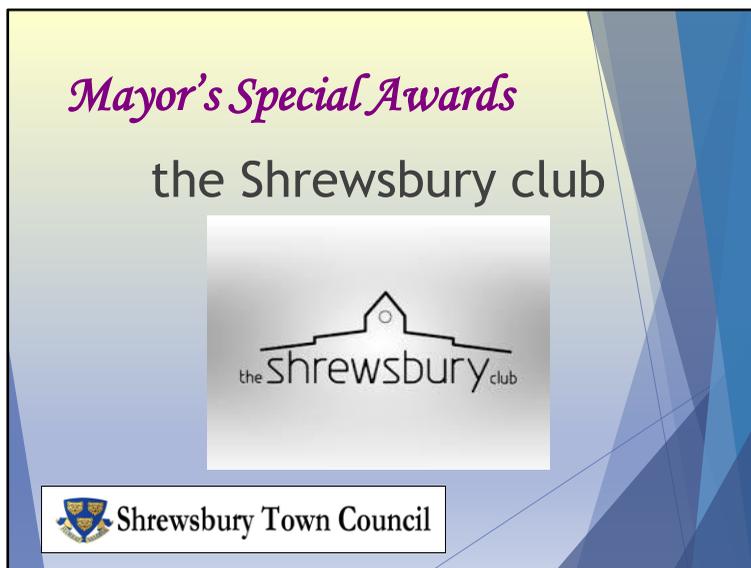
Sarah Raven



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SARAH RAVEN

Sarah is the Community Life Champion at Asda in Shrewsbury. Asda has long-since been committed to playing a central role in the local community and Community Life Champions work one day a week with community groups and local organisations arranging events in the store and inspiring both colleagues and customers to get involved in community work.



THE SHREWSBURY CLUB

Whatever your fitness ambitions, the Shrewsbury Club can cater for them, but it is the club's love for tennis, encouraging young people to take part in the sport that has inspired the Mayor to present one of her Special Awards. This club has been recognised as an important venue in British Tennis by hosting two major LTA Aegon British Pro Series events and there's nothing like inspiring people to play than seeing those people in the flesh that we watch on TV at Wimbledon.

Mayor's Special Awards

Karen Higgins



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KAREN HIGGINS

The Mayor has championed young people throughout her Mayoral Year and it is with no surprise that she has chosen to nominate Karen, the Young People's Health Champion Project Manager at the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The initiative helps young people to feel empowered through training and mentoring to help improve the health and well-being of young people in our local communities. This valuable project helps young people to help and support their peers and under Karen's guardianship, not only have many hundreds of young people been supported, but also it has helped focus scarce public sector resources in a more efficient and effective manner than more traditional forms of support. But Karen's good work doesn't stop there. A Trustee of The Ark and one of the co-founders of the highly successful Big Busk, how does this woman stay so calm and when does she sleep?

Mayor's Special Awards

The Big Busk



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THE BIG BUSK

It was as a tribute to Ben Bebbington, that his family and friends decided to organise a Big Busk on the 6th April 2013, which would have been his 44th birthday. It was also an opportunity to thank the Ark which had supported Ben and had meant a great deal to him; and to publicly raise awareness of what the Ark does for vulnerable people in our society. Every year since then, the event has got bigger and better and I'm sure everyone could see that the Mayor couldn't contain her excitement at being allowed to sing and dance on the roof of St Chads; something that not even using the "I'm the Mayor" card could ever demand. This year Ladies & Gentlemen the Big Busk raised over £6,000 for the Ark a very commendable achievement.

Mayor's Special Awards

St Chad's WWI Project



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Keeping the momentum of any project going takes commitment, dedication, enthusiasm and a drive in knowing what you are doing is right, but to do something where that commitment, dedication, enthusiasm and drive has to last for four years is either barking mad or most definitely the right thing to do.

St Chads Church produced a county Roll of Honour to commemorate every precious Shropshire life that was lost in the Great War and every Wednesday at 5pm they remember every single man and woman that made the ultimate sacrifice that week a hundred years earlier.

In December the Mayor and I had the privilege in marking the sacrifice of those 113 men listed on Shropshire War Memorials for whom no information can be found, but they are still important and so remain known only to God.

Ladies & Gentleman if you don't already follow their fantastic journey of remembering our war dead please do @WW1RestinPeace

Mayor's Special Awards

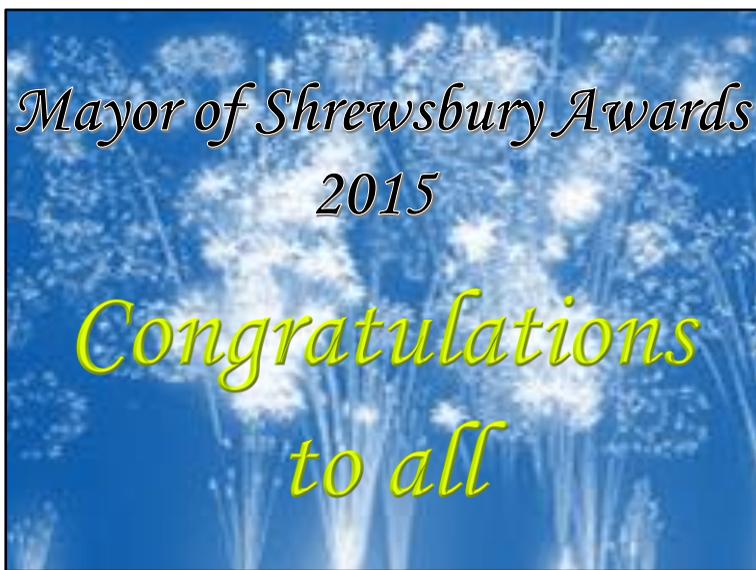
CR Birch & Son



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CR BIRCH & SON HARDWARE STORE

In November last year the residents of Shrewsbury went into shock with the surprise announcement that Birches Store was to close after more than 100 years of trading. Come rain or shine and flooding, Marguerite Birch and her son Peter have been the town's purveyors of everything and anything; the only place in town that knows what you want when you ask for a "thingummy jig", the only place in town you can buy a single nut and bolt, the only place in town you can find a solution to your DIY nightmare and the only place in town where you get a smile to boot. The epitome of courtesy in this modern age.



On behalf of the Mayor and her Consort we would like to thank all those receiving awards for the valuable work you do to ensure that Shrewsbury is the gem we all love. Thank you to their friends and families who I bet have had to play second fiddle to their community work and also a big thank you to those who took the time to nominate the award winners – you are equally as community-minded as you too appreciate what makes a good community.

Ladies & Gentleman the Mayor's search for the 2015 Super Community Heroes is over but early in the New Year the New Mayor's search for the 2016 Super Community Heroes will begin. Nomination papers as ever will be available on our website so if you know of someone you feel is worthy please do fill in one of those forms.

And finally Madam Mayor it's been a bit of a tiring year for you collecting awards, whooping on stage, hugging and kissing any member of staff who got within 5 feet of you and generally forgetting the dignity of the Mayoralty in your excitement. There was the Heart of England in Bloom Regional Champion Award, the Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions Award, the RHS Tourism Award, the Most Courteous Town Award, I'm not going to mention much about what 150 soldiers from the Welsh Cavalry awarded you, but you did have a smile on your face for the rest of the week. But we would like to give you our own little award for being you, for being the perfect Mayor, full of life, most definitely full of colour, a fine Ambassador and a great First Citizen of Shrewsbury. Ladies & Gentleman I give you the Worshipful the Mayor of Shrewsbury.