

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.

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.



We begin with the **Business Category**;



Phoenix Property Management (BRONZE) – Phoenix Property Management was set up two years ago with a mission to regenerate the Riverside Shopping Centre in the heart of Shrewsbury’s town centre. At the time they set up, a number of anchor businesses had relocated from the Shopping Centre and it was beginning to look a bit run down and unloved. Today all of its 22 usable units are occupied and over 100 people are employed or work in a voluntary capacity in a variety of start-up businesses, charities and Community Interest Companies.



Businesses for Children Awards (Silver) – Businesses for Children Awards is a not-for-profit company set up in 2013 to hold an annual awards ceremony, raising the profile of businesses in Shrewsbury, providing services for children. Many businesses have reported increased success and activity having been nominated at the Awards Ceremony.

Stan's Cycles (SILVER) – Stan's Cycles has been passionate about cycling for over 60 years. A true business for the enthusiast, run by the enthusiast. Their new store in Wyle Cop has become a community hub in its own right even with its own coffee shop and fitness centre. Stan's Cycles were very generous in their support for the Mayor and the Mayor's Officer when they undertook their charity tandem ride. Not quite ready for the Tour de France.

Robson's Stores Ltd (SILVER) – Now where on earth can you get a pint of milk, a postal order and the latest copy of the TV Times at 5 o'clock in the morning? Well Robson's Stores of course. This family owned convenience store with stores in Sundorne Avenue and Ellesmere were the saviours of Northern Shrewsbury when they agreed to take on the Post Office Franchise. This is the future of the corner shop.

Wace Morgan Solicitors (SILVER) – Wace Morgan dates back to around 1840 making it one of Shrewsbury's longest-established businesses. In September 2015 it made the commitment to moving to larger more modern and accessible premises right in the town centre, whilst other practises had moved out to the business parks; this they felt was important in supporting other local businesses, retailers, suppliers, consultants, agents, contractors and the wider community. Today they are one of the few Shropshire law firms still offering Legal Aid.



Barnabas Community Projects – Food Bank Plus (Gold) – We all know how successful the Barnabas Food Bank has been distributing unwanted and surplus food to those in need. But Food Bank Plus helps people beyond their short-term fix and empowers them to help themselves, be more sustaining and have the capabilities get out of poverty and crisis and make a success of their lives

Salop Design & Engineering Limited (GOLD) – WINNER – Salop Design & Engineering has been operating in Shrewsbury for over 50 years and employs 80 people and their commitment to their staff is commendable. Unable to find adequate Apprenticeship Courses in Shropshire to meet their recruitment demands, instead of shipping them out of county they decided to set up their own Training Academy building a £300,000 training centre. They are now working with schools and colleges to make sure they have a regular flow of good, rounded apprentices to make sure their business grows and the UK manufacturing industry continues to grow.

The Web Orchard (GOLD) – Web Orchard has been around since 2003 and offers website solutions to a number of businesses and organisations including Shropshire Fire & Rescue, Shrewsbury Business Improvement District and Shrewsbury Town Council. Of late they have developed a Community Hub platform providing website services to Parish Councils and Community Organisations following Shropshire Council’s decision not to continue supporting Shropnet. This firm also manages the Love Shrewsbury Website keeping local people updates on everything Shrewsbury.

Business Award Winner



Salop Design & Engineering
Limited



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Now on to the Built Heritage Awards:



Abbey Foregate Railway Station (GOLD) – The Abbey Foregate Railway Station was opened in 1849 and served passengers of the Great Western Railway until 1912. The refurbishment has been a labour of love for members of the Shrewsbury Railway Heritage Trust and regularly opens its doors as part of the Heritage Open Days.

All Saints Hall (GOLD) – Following careful restoration the Hall is now the Triratna Sanga, the Buddhist Centre in Shrewsbury where people can find peace, meaning and friendship, beauty & freedom. The Mayor & Mayoress were delighted to attend the opening in September last year.

Attingham Park (GOLD) - Situated just outside Shrewsbury this National Trust Building attracts over 300,000 visitors a year. Since acquiring this Grade I listed property the Trust has gone about a programme of careful restoration. One such project had been installing a new glass roof above the picture gallery. This major feat of engineering has allowed the gallery to be flooded with natural light as the architect John Nash intended but prevents ultra violet radiation damaging the gallery and its exhibits.



Hodgson Hall (GOLD) – Hodgson Hall is the latest building to be erected in the grounds of Shrewsbury School and the Mayor was delighted that it was the host for refreshments following his Civic Service. This building has been funded through the generous donation of a parent of a former pupil. It juxtaposes old with new on the site and with beautiful views of Shrewsbury and beyond will no doubt greatly add to the students’ enjoyment of living and being educated in Shrewsbury

River Thai (GOLD) – WINNER – Who would believe that previous lives of the building have been a Mortuary and a Boxing Club, but the River Thai Restaurant nestling beautifully on the banks of the River Severn has a classic yet contemporary style with both internal and external dining. A truly remarkable transformation and reuse of a building.

Built Heritage Award Winner



River Thai Restaurant



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Tourism Awards



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British Ironwork Centre (GOLD) – Whilst this organisation is based in Oswestry, it has worked tirelessly to put Shropshire and its county town on the map. It achieved a national accolade and publicity by creating the biggest gorilla made of spoons which currently takes pride of place in the grounds of the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. More recently their ambitious project of creating the Knife Angel made from knives recovered by Police Forces nationwide has achieved national publicity and promotes a very serious message about knife crime. For us locally in Shrewsbury, Clive Knowles the Chairman has been unstinting in his support for events in the town by providing ironworks, gazebos, tables and chairs not to mention the odd monkey, giraffe, hippo you name it. When we needed a horse for our World War One bed in the Quarry, he was there to help

Edward Goddard (GOLD) – This individual promotes Shrewsbury in both his working life and his downtime. For the day job he is Managing Director of Morris Leisure providing quality caravan parks in Shrewsbury, Shropshire and beyond. But when he's not working he is a Director of the Shrewsbury Tourism Association and Chairman of Shrewsbury Steam Rally, an event that not only has established a huge reputation in our event calendar, but can also get away with traffic congestion bringing steam tractors into the town centre.

Made in Shropshire (GOLD) – Set up in 2005, Made in Shropshire is a collaboration of artists, designers, makers and food producers who live and work in Shropshire. Exhibiting a wide range of inspirational products, traders have a collective reputation for quality and uniqueness. They host a market on the 2nd Saturday of the month and greatly promote Shrewsbury as a visitor destination



Sabrina Boat Limited(GOLD) – Interestingly this nomination comes from a Group Travel Organiser who arranges days out and local tours for individuals and groups across the country. Sabrina Boat is a driving force for tourism in Shrewsbury organising our attendance at the major trade shows. They have also developed a good package offer linking with cafes and restaurants and other visitor establishments. How successful has this been; well in 2014 they welcomed 48 coach parties; in 2015 that had quadrupled to 210 with 2016 set to be an even better year.

Shropshire Festivals (GOLD) – WINNER – Beth Heath has been linked with Festivals for many years being director of operations at Ludlow Food Festival. Over the last three years she has successfully organised the Shrewsbury Food Festival in the Quarry and more recently added the Shrewsbury Christmas Festival and last week the Shropshire Kids Festival to her repertoire. These are becoming tourist attractions for Shrewsbury in their own right, helping the town to be the place for first class festivals.

Tourism Award Winner



Shropshire Festivals



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On to the Environment Awards.



Toni & Guy (SILVER) – This hair salon is in the running for being the most eco-friendly hair salon in the region. They have just received a Silver Standard Certificate in the Green Achievers Scheme, a national accreditation for UK Business. They recycle foils colour tubers & bottles which are particularly harmful to the environment. They recycle paper, plastic, glass, cardboard and batteries. And have you ever wondered what happens to the hair they cut off; well they send it to a local farmer who uses it on his fields. Their eco-credentials are also extending to their customers, encouraging them to refill their shampoo bottles rather than buy new.



Liz Evans (GOLD) – Transition Towns is a grassroots community project that seeks to build resilience in response to peak oil, climate destruction and economic instability. Here in Shrewsbury the group has been instrumental in such projects as the People’s Republic of Coton Hill, Shrewsbury Green Doors, Shrewsbury Hydro and Shrink Your Footprint. Liz has been a stalwart of that Group.

Hermitage Gardens (GOLD) – Take a small piece of unused and semi-neglected land between two houses and a dedicated bunch of local residents of all ages and what do you get? A little green oasis right in the heart of the town. The local residents have been instrumental in getting the land signed over to the community and people of all ages have worked to develop a huge green asset for the neighbourhood. Talking of neighbourhoods, they entered the RHS It’s Your Neighbourhood Competition and for a first entry judges were in awe of their achievements.

Riversway Elim Church (GOLD) – In a town like Shrewsbury the benefits of gardening in terms of health and social well-being is evident and church groups like Riversway have the ability to garner the enthusiasm of the local community. With funds from such organisations as the Carnival Committee and plenty of plants from Shrewsbury in Bloom and the Town Council they have created a little green jungle in their area.

The Rubbish Diet (GOLD) – WINNER – The Rubbish Diet has been embraced by a number of areas in Shrewsbury resulting in that culture change saving tonnes of waste ending up in landfill. So who best to call on for help when the Sainsbury’s Waste Less Save More Campaign invited towns to bid to become their £1million trial town? In the very tight timeframe they managed to rally the troops to help develop a very strong bid and from the 150 entries they received, Shrewsbury was one of the five towns shortlisted for more detailed consideration and a visit. We were gutted that we weren’t chosen to be their Waste Less Save More Town, but the Rubbish Diet have been enthused to making that plan we submitted a reality and they will shortly launch the Shrewsbury Food Hub. Katy & Alison’s energy and enthusiasm for waste was tireless and I can’t believe in the 10 days we had to write the bid they could have slept.

Environment Award Winner



The Rubbish Diet





On to the Community Awards;



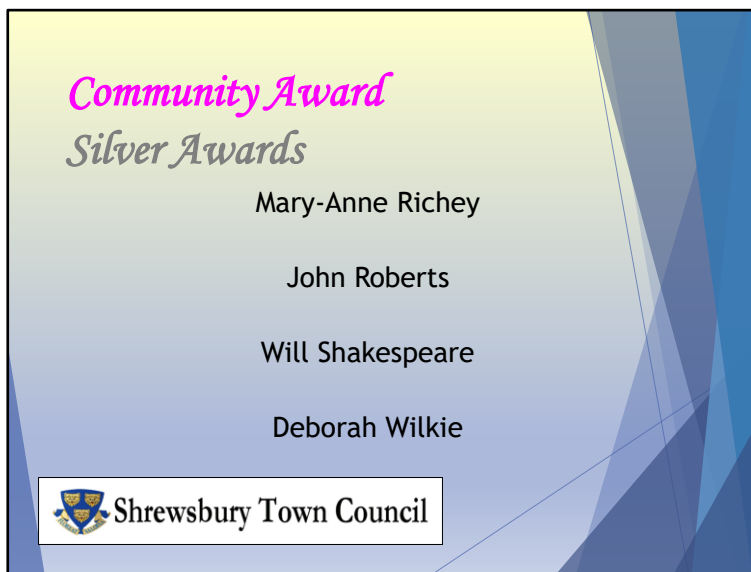
Rebecca Wall (BRONZE) – This lady has at times single-handedly raised money for a number of charities including Severn Hospice, Hope House and Macmillan Cancer Research by organising events. Organising events as we all know is not easy and it is so good that people like Rebecca can use their organisational skills to great effect.



Kate Fejfer (SILVER) - Aside from her business making delicious cakes, Kate has been a true advocate in supporting our eastern European communities, sign-posting those to help, acting as an interpreter and helping them settle into life in Shrewsbury. Kate is the Managing Director of the Polish Centre Shrewsbury Community Interest Company, a not-for-profit company designed to help and support people from not just Poland but other eastern European countries, promote their culture, history and traditions, geography, food & drink.

The Grange Urban Safety Group (SILVER) – This group was set up in 2000 with local residents, Councillors, Church Representatives, Police, Shropshire Council and Severnside Housing taking an active part. They meet monthly and aim to resolve anti-social behaviour and community issues in Harlescott. Over the years they have addressed abandoned vehicles, driving on green spaces, litter, graffiti, noisy neighbours and fly-tipping. This is a great example of local people sorting local issues at local level.

Men in Sheds (SILVER) - We all know the value of Sheds, but Men in Sheds is a place where men can meet and enjoy hobbies and activities, learn about new ones as well as make friends and enjoy each others company. Men are given the freedom and flexibility to work with others or on their own project or simply just be there.



Mary-Anne Richey (SILVER) – Mary-Anne has been part of civic life in Shrewsbury for many years being Mayoress in 2002 when her late husband George was elected Mayor. Despite his stroke in 2006, she never wavered from her dedication to the clubs and societies she has been part of (including St Johns Ambulance, Relate, Shrewsbury & District Multiple Sclerosis Branch and the Shrewsbury Operatic Society) and supporting successive Mayors by attending civic events. Sadly George passed away last year, but it was lovely to see her at a recent Mayoral event.

John Roberts (SILVER) – John is a volunteer driver for Shrewsbury Mencap taking severely disabled adults to a club held at Albert Road every Monday. He also takes 17 disabled Shrewsbury Town fans to every home game. John enables these people to enjoy a full social life most of us take for granted.

Will Shakespeare (SILVER) – Will is the Golf Professional and Coach at the Meole Golf Course for 16 years. He understands and cares how important it is for all to have the opportunity to learn and play golf. He has forged community links with schools and community groups as well as the golf club to grow participation in the sport.

Deborah Wilkie (SILVER) – Deborah initially came to a Citizens Academy at the Shrewsbury Police Station in 2014 where she learnt about the work of the Police over a 10 week course. Following that she volunteered as a Missing Persons Volunteer working alongside 24/7 patrol teams at Monkmoor Police Station assisting with missing person enquiries and assisting investigating officers. This year she has organised the Citizens Academy. On average she works 28 hours a month with her Patrol Team this on top of her full time job. She has become a trusted and dependable member of the team and one the Police greatly rely on.



Craig Fisher (GOLD) – Craig is the Landlord of the Inn on the Green and he has adopted the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund as his Pub’s charity of the year after a couple of his regulars were diagnosed with cancer. In support of the charity’s fund raising project of raising £750,000 to buy a Linear Accelerator for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Craig organised a James Bond night and handed over just short of £1,000 to the charity making the realisation of their target one step nearer.

Phil Gillam (GOLD) – A former Journalist with the Shropshire Star, Phil has used his skills to keep us all informed and enlightened through not only his weekly column in the Shrewsbury Chronicle but also his editorial of the Belle Vue Magazine delivered to 3,000 homes in Belle Vue, Coleham, Reabrook & Sutton. The magazine has quickly established itself as being at the very heart of the community and a great information point for all.

The Green Oak Foundation (GOLD) – The Green Oak Foundation was set up 3 years ago to provide third sector counselling services to the people of Shrewsbury & Shropshire at an affordable rate. There are now 19 volunteer counsellors supporting adults, couples and children; helping those in crisis. Lives have been saved from those experiencing suicidal thoughts; children have received grief counselling or help with issues and couples have been able to resolve relationship issues. It is certainly comforting to know that organisations like this are so caring.



Geoff Hardy & Peter Roscoe (GOLD) – Geoff & Peter have been the drivers to the Rainbow Film Festival in Shrewsbury. Last year was their 10th year and the festival has grown year on year. Whilst providing a festival of entertainment there has been serious messages challenging people’s perceptions about the LGBT community, raising awareness of different issues they face and changing people’s behavioural attitude towards them and how they feel about themselves. Geoff & Peter are two of the most delightful and helpful people you could possibly meet and add richness to the community spirit in Shrewsbury.

Colin Hough (GOLD) – Colin has been involved in boxing for nearly 70 years and hundreds of young people have gone through his clubs and gained success in the sport at both amateur and professional level. He has given young people a focus and life experiences without which they may otherwise have turned to anti-social behaviour and crime. Colin has been a major fundraiser for the sport and Tesco shoppers will all recall him sitting in a glass box for 25 hours; a commendable feat for a man in his eighties.

George Miah (GOLD) – George is the Chairman of the Shropshire Bangladeshi Welfare Society and has been the driver behind the project of acquiring the Old Register Office in Preston Street and giving it a new lease of life as the Muslim Prayer Centre. It opened in April 2014 and welcomes all regardless of race, age, background, nationality and gender. They have now become an active and supportive part of the local community.



John Mustafa (GOLD) – The beneficiaries of John’s community endeavours are wide and varied including the Shrewsbury Interfaith Forum, The Bangladeshi Welfare Society, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and Help for Heroes. He also helps to organise the Interfaith Fun Day.

Radbrook Community Association (GOLD) – This year the Mayor and Mayoress visited the Radbrook Community Centre to mark their 10th anniversary and were both astounded by the number of community activities that go on within its walls. All of this would not be the case but for the Radbrook Community Association which have successfully brought groups together and created a true community hub. This is very much the model of a sustainable community centre and one which others could learn hugely from

Safe Places Shropshire (GOLD) – WINNER – Safe Places was introduced to the county 3 years ago. The initiative created by Mencap identifies safe locations for vulnerable people to seek support if whilst they are out they become anxious about anything. They now have 300 locations across the county, many of which are in Shrewsbury and have issued over 1000 help cards to people. The scheme raises the feeling of social well-being amongst a part of the community who may feel vulnerable whilst they go about their everyday lives.



Shrewsbury Brass Band (GOLD) – This community brass band provides something for everyone, entertains the general public and raises funds for good causes through the medium of music. It rehearses every Tuesday and has 35 players between the ages of 13-70. In 2014 we asked them to perform at Carols in the Square and they have regularly marched as part of Mayoral Parades. In fact last week they were in the Square as part of our 90th Birthday celebrations.

Shrewsbury Parkrun (GOLD) – The Shrewsbury Parkrun was started here in Shrewsbury in 2013 to encourage anyone from 4-104 to take part in a free weekly 5k timed run around the Quarry. They have 6000 registered runners and over 300 runners routinely participate. There are no barriers to participate with visually impaired runners, wheelchair participants, mums running with pushchairs, sprinters, walkers you name it. So successful is the Parkrun we have been pleased to facilitate a Junior Parkrun on a Sunday. This helps keep people fit, raises self-esteem and engenders community spirit. And before you ask, NO we're not going to charge!!

Shropshire Disability Network (GOLD) – Formed in 2008 this group doesn't receive any core funding and raises its funds through the hard work and dedication of its volunteers. They act as a sign post to services provided by a number of groups and organisations, lobby others for change and greater acknowledgement for those with disability and raise awareness of their work and the plight of the disabled at local events across the county.

Community Award Winner



Safe Places Shropshire



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Courtesy Awards



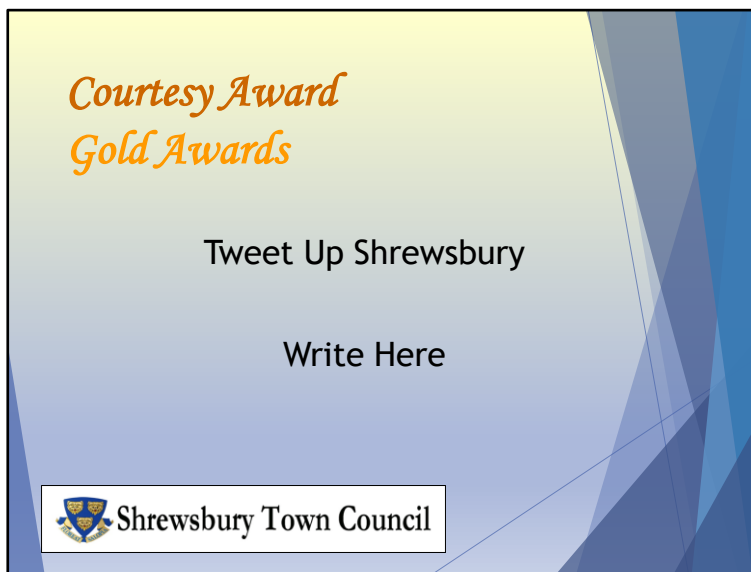
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Helen Mason (BRONZE) – Helen is a support worker with Severnside Housing and this nomination is from one of the many people she has worked with, supported and encouraged to maintain their independence and in turn contribute to community life. Whilst one may argue this is her job, it is clear that her dedication goes above and beyond and those she helps are so greatly appreciative.



Fiona Checkley (SILVER) – Fiona is a highly committed and dedicated volunteer with a warm and welcoming personality and a zest for life. She volunteers for Signal as a Tinnitus Adviser and Counsellor and she brings personal knowledge and experience of the condition to her role creating a natural compassion to make life better for others.



Tweet Up Shrewsbury (GOLD) – WINNER – For those of us who are Twitter Users, Tweet-Up Shrewsbury is on our following list. It has become Shrewsbury’s fastest growing networking group bringing together the local twittering community for fun, informal networking evening events in fabulous local venues. This brings a diverse range of business people together for tweets and good old fashioned face-to-face networking. With over 100 guests meeting monthly and 3,000 Twitter followers it promotes good community spirit, social media courtesy and a great pride in Shrewsbury.

Write Here (GOLD) – Well if you need a pen there’s only one place to go. This High Street Shop is part of our great independent shopping offer and goes above and beyond being knowledgeable about their business, being very proud about promoting Shrewsbury and generally creating a very enjoyable shopping experience for their visitors and customers. Nowadays it is not just the shop front that makes a business, Write Here has a strong website and Social Media presence which broadens their reach.

Courtesy Award Winner



Tweet Up Shrewsbury



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On to the Youth Awards.



Goldmine Games (BRONZE) – This community project has been running for a couple of years in the Riverside Shopping Centre and in that time it has provided a place for young people to learn card games. Gamblers I hear you cry, but card games teaches young people about strategy, numeracy, logic and a competitive spirit in life. This also acts as a safe place for young people to go and on average 50-100 young people attend on a weekly basis.



Debate-Ed Programme (GOLD) – The Debate-Ed Programme has worked throughout the past 12 months giving students at Shrewsbury 6th Form College the opportunity to teach fun and engaging workshops in secondary schools in Shrewsbury. The sessions are designed to help students develop critical thinking, analysis & speaking. They also held a debating competition and our very own Mayor was part of that judging panel.

Joan Ball (Gold) – Joan has volunteered as a Brown Owl for the 232nd Shrewsbury Brownies for over 20 years. She has also been a Scout Leader for the 1st Monkmoor Scouts for about 15 years; all from the Scout Hut in Upton Lane. She also is an active member of the Friends of Monkmoor and has recently launched “Youth Overload” a weekly club for 9-16 year olds in the area.

Shropshire Junior Football league (GOLD) – From when the league started over 40 years ago with 25 teams and 300 players, they have seen a huge expansion now having 167 teams and 2,300 players. They were the first affiliated league in England to achieve the FA Charter Standard accreditation and recently became the first county league to become an FA Respect League with all 253 member clubs signing up to the FA Respect Programme. This league was the football birthplace of stars like Joe Hart, Billy Joes, Boaz Myhill, Dave Edwards, Jack Price and Steve Leslie. All this underlines the league’s commitment to making participation an enjoyable and safe experience for all

Shropshire Members of Youth Parliament (GOLD) – WINNER – Members of the Youth Parliament are a group of elected young people in Shropshire and provides an opportunity for 11-18 year olds to use their elected voice to bring about social change through meaningful representation and campaigning. Supported by Lorraine Warrender at Shropshire Council they have tackled issues like racism and discrimination, mental health, violence and crime, education & transport. They have organised events like dealing with youth stress and they even gave our parliamentary candidates a hard time with their very own Question Time before the last general election.

Youth Award Winner



Shropshire Members of
Youth Parliament



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*Market Hall
Trader of the
Year*



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JP Fruits (THIRD) – Run by John Painter JP Fruits on the market hall floor has a wonderful range of grocery items including fruit, vegetables and nuts not to mention plants and bulbs.



Snap Dragon Wholefoods (SECOND) – Jan Bridges runs the outer perimeter unit selling everything wholesome from organic fruit & nuts, flour & teas to eco products like washing up liquid and fabric conditioner. Everything the environmentally conscious needs in one place.



Café Aleoli (FIRST) – This café has taken off by storm. If you want just a cup of tea and a toasted teacake they can do that but you can also be cast away to Spain and experience some of the finest Tapas this side of Barcelona.



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

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.

Mayor's Special Awards

Paul Bowes



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Paul Bowes – Paul has been the Event Director of the Shrewsbury Parkrun since its start in 2013. This weekly 5k run in the Quarry sees people of all ages and abilities taking part. This wouldn't go ahead were it not for Paul and a group of volunteers. Over 6,000 people are registered to the Shrewsbury Parkrun and every week 300-400 people take part.

Mayor's Special Awards

Holly Edwards

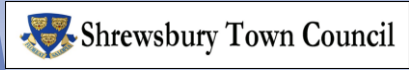


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Holly Edwards – We've already heard about the success of the Debate-Ed Programme. The success of the programme has been very much down to the energy and enthusiasm of Holly Edwards. She has taken her experiences of debating, having been a judge at the European Debating Competition for a number of years and brought it to benefit young people of Shrewsbury. During the Debating Competition in early March the Mayor was particularly impressed by her commitment to such a worthwhile programme.

Mayor's Special Awards

Corrine Hollick



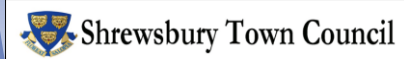
Corrine Hollick – Corinne plays an active part of the Move on Club a social club for adults with learning difficulties, providing a wide range of events including theatre trips, pub meals, discos, parties and even ten-pin bowling.



Katie Jennings – The Hive has been the recipient of a Mayoral Award in the past but the success of the organisation is very much down to the calibre of staff that runs it. Katie is the Hive's Programmes & Projects Manager and organises, arranges and assists with creative projects and activities for young people especially those who wouldn't otherwise get access to music making and the arts.

Mayor's Special Awards

Ryan & Jane Jervis



Ryan & Jane Jervis – This award is for a husband and wife team who have shown unstinting public service to Shrewsbury and in particular the Charity Relate. Jane is the Manager of the town's Relate Charity Shop and organises events and activities from the shop to provide much needed profile and funds for such a worthwhile charity, while Ryan has been a Director of the County Relate Branch providing forward direction and leadership at local level.

Mayor's Special Awards

Lynne Morgan



Lynne Morgan – What makes a good Shrewsbury biscuit? Well the recipe is probably as valuable and precious as Betty's Hotpot Recipe on Coronation Street and Lynne has used her culinary expertise and business to help promote Shrewsbury as a One-Off town.



Shelley Oliver – We all love the Shrewsbury Carnival and what it stands for but have you ever thought about how it all happens. A small group of people plan the Carnival from who attends to performing bands raising money for local charities. But they always say behind every good organisation there is a brilliant secretary and Shelley's role as Secretary to the Carnival is crucial to the event's success.

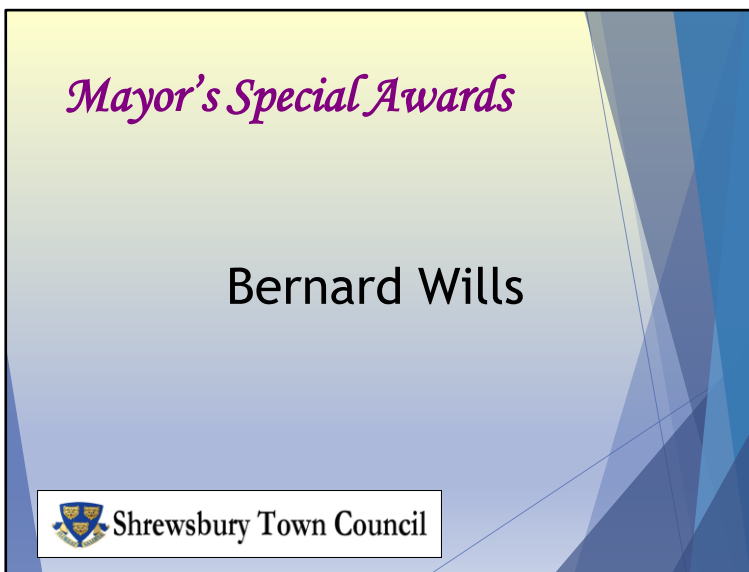
Mayor's Special Awards

Two Fat Rascals

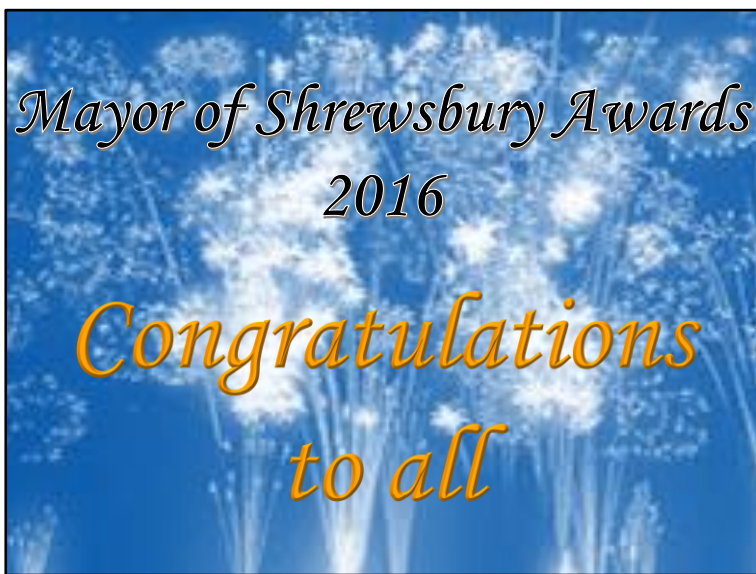


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Two Fat Rascals – No that's not me and the Mayor. This is the café in the Riverside Shopping Centre. It's not your usual café; it accommodates a range of events and activities from local charities and groups. It is a friendly supportive and welcoming place being a Safe Place to those who feel vulnerable and anxious. They have provided training for young people enabling them to get valuable work experience. Sadly this café is due to close as part of the redevelopment work so this is as much a thank you for all your hard work and our very best wishes to Karen & Maria for the future.



Bernard Wills – Bernard has been the Chairman of Shrewsbury Masters Swimming Club but it has been his recent role as the Chairman of the Save Our Pool Campaign that he receives a Mayoral Award. His dedication to working to retain the Quarry Baths in its existing location has been unstinting over these last two years and no doubt he will play an active role as a key stakeholder in the coming months and years as the ultimate future of the pool is determined.



On behalf of the Mayor and Mayoress 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 2016 Super Community Heroes is over but early in the New Year the New Mayor's search for the 2017 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.