

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.

This is also a tie for us to say thank you to those who have taken the time to nominate individuals and groups for awards. There is one person missing here tonight. That is Alderman Eileen Sandford who sadly passed away last week. Mrs Sandford was a great supporter of the Mayoralty being a past Mayor herself in 2003 and she was enormously supportive of our Mayoral Awards. It was only a couple of weeks ago that she dropped off her nominations referring to them as her goodbye thank yous. We would like to convey our deepest sympathies to her family.

So without further ado, we'll crack on:



BUSINESS CATEGORY

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

BRONZE AWARDS



shropshirelive.com

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Shropshirelive.com, represented by Chris Pritchard and Martin Childs, nominated by Councillor Jon Tandy, relatively new, this business provides a local, interactive news and magazine site for the County. Based here in Shrewsbury, it allows local people to get involved by reporting on local issues, adding articles, sharing photos and reviewing films. With links on Facebook and Twitter they have developed an excellent way of communicating with young people

SILVER AWARDS



Caterpillar Remanufacturing
& Components Division

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Caterpillar Remanufacturing & Components Division, represented by Peter Bettis, Ceri Duloherly & Benjamin Reed, nominated by Benjamin Reed

For many years this organisation has been able to maintain and sustain a manufacturing based business in Shrewsbury, employing significant numbers of people through what we all recognise as challenging times. The site is currently seeing significant capital investment and recruitment to support new product line for the future.

GOLD AWARDS



Aubrey Kirkham Funeral Directors

Evans Easyspace RAF Shawbury

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Aubrey Kirkham, represented by Aubrey and Ann Kirkham, nominated by Felicity Wingrove

In the ruthless world we see ourselves in, it is good to see some organisations see amongst all else a need to provide tactful and compassionate service where all the workforce have a commitment to supporting their clients through grief. This family run Funeral Directors, which boasts the only fully qualified Lady Funeral Director in the town has developed innovative concepts of Living Funerals, supporting those who are terminally ill or very elderly in their final days to say their farewells and celebrate their lives with loved ones before they pass away.

Evans Easyspace, represented by Vicky Barnes, Melanie Boulter & Michelle Jones, nominated by Lesley Nankivell & Dawn Bates

In 2008 this organisation opened the Rural Enterprise Centre on the Battlefield Enterprise Park. The Centre encourages small and start-up local businesses to grow and flourish. The Centre has successfully weathered the recession and is continually attracting new businesses. In 2010 alone it opened its doors to 18 new businesses and currently 140 people are based at the site, working for 35 businesses.

and thirdly **RAF SHAWBURY, represented and nominated by Group Captain Warren James**

The economic value of RAF Shawbury can not be under estimated to Shrewsbury and Shropshire. To train over 1000 students across a multitude of roles requires a strong resilient back up team, many of which are civilians.

This makes RAF Shawbury one of the largest employers in the County, generating considerable spending power throughout the area. It is fair to say the military personnel have a fondness for the area and whilst their work means that they move regularly, a number revel in any opportunity to return.



BUSINESS CATEGORY WINNER

Evans Easyspace

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ENVIRONMENT CATEGORY

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

BRONZE AWARDS



Stella James

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Stella James, nominated by Tim Sneddon.

Unfortunately Mrs James can't be with us tonight but she can be seen on an almost daily basis litter picking in and around the Meole Estate. It is good to see a local volunteer, caring about the area she lives in

SILVER AWARDS



Edward Davies

Kristian Hickson-Booth

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Edward Davies, nominated by Stan Sedman

Edward is a disabled service user of The Grange Day Centre and was the person who contacted Shrewsbury in Bloom in 2007 asking for help as he wanted to re-create the garden which had become overgrown with nettles and brambles after years of neglect. After the initial help he then enthused other disabled users to take on parts of the garden, kept on top of the day to day needs such as watering, weeding. He also had bird boxes and composting bins installed. Without his direct and input there would not have been a garden.

Sadly The Grange Day Centre is to close and the garden has been stripped and plants moved to other places and service users homes.

Kristian Hickson-Booth, nominated by Gary Farmer

Kristian has maintained the garden at the hospice for many years, providing a peaceful environment for those who are terminally ill as well as their families. Shrewsbury in Bloom, over the years has had the pleasure in visiting the site with the Heart of England judges and has always been welcomed.

GOLD AWARDS



Stan Sedman

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Stan Sedman, nominated by Tony Bywater

Here in Shrewsbury we pride ourselves on having a reputation of being the Town of Flowers and this gentleman has been at the helm of our efforts to strive for horticultural excellence. He was the Chairman of Shrewsbury in Bloom when we won Entente Florale and has inspired many neighbourhoods to work towards the RHS Neighbourhood Awards. Nowadays he is Chairman of Tidy Shrewsbury, a member of the Shropshire Horticultural Society Committee not to mention an aficionado of everything Shrewsbury, working as a Town Guide. Most definitely if you cut this gentleman in half, he would have Shrewsbury running through him.



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CATEGORY WINNER**

Stan Sedman

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YOUTH CATEGORY

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

BRONZE AWARDS



Harlescott Toy Lending Library

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Harlescott Toy Lending Library, represented by, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford,

Providing a valuable service to the local community, this organisation has been running since 1991. Young parents benefit from meeting others, sharing experiences, helping their children develop social skills and prepare them for schooling by the lending of good quality toys and books.

SILVER AWARDS

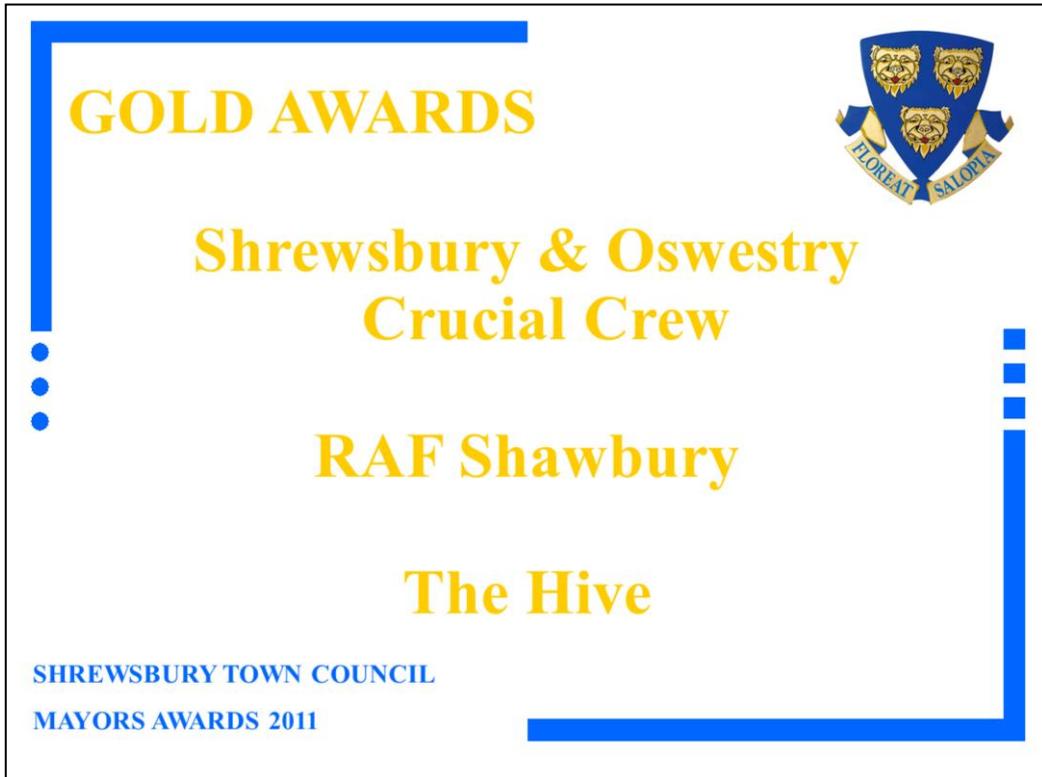


Harlescott Grange
Youth Club

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Harlescott Grange Youth Club, represented by Julie Brotherton & Dot Johnson, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

This local club has been going for many years and provides structured activities for young people every day of the week, allowing young people to come and have fun, make friends, learn new skills and gain support, advice and information on the issues that affect their lives.



Crucial Crew, represented by Alan Howls, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

The aim of this group is to teach children life skills, good citizenship and how to deal with incidents and react to dangerous situations. Over the years they have put many thousands of children through their paces. The Mayor of Shrewsbury & Oswestry joined forces to nominate Crucial Crew for a Queen's Award and we await the outcome with great interest.

RAF SHAWBURY, represented by Group Captain James and Gail Moore, nominated by Group Captain Warren James

Deeply committed to youth engagement, RAF Shawbury developed an Outreach Strategy providing educational challenges for young people from Key Stage 2 right through to University Graduates. The base provides a 3 day Work Experience Programme for 15-16 year olds providing an insight into what its like to be in the RAF. They have worked with other agencies to provide structured programmes for young people at risk of social exclusion, worked with 26 schools and 700 children to develop awareness of safety both in the home and outside in a wide range of environments, not to mention being the host to many Air Training Corps and combined Cadet Force Camps from Shropshire and far beyond.

And the third goes to The Hive, represented by Alyson Lanning & Zarina Williams, nominated by Councillor Tony Durnell

The Hive is an independent arts organisation based in Shrewsbury, working across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to inspire young people through music and media. Working with young musicians and media artists, it aims to give young people opportunities to learn, have fun and be creative. Councillor Durnell, as Deputy Mayor, has had the pleasure of visiting the site and seeing first hand the type of work achieved.



YOUTH CATEGORY WINNER

The Hive

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COMMUNITY CATEGORY

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BRONZE AWARDS



Catherine Ryan

Hope Church

Shropshire Autistic Supporters

Shropshire Dyslexia Association

Shropshire Playing Fields Association

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Catherine Ryan, nominated by Councillor Malcolm Price

Catherine has been a volunteer at the Ditherington Community Centre for over a decade, ensuring the Centre remained open and accessible to all members of the community both young and old.

Hope Church, represented by Roy & Chris Whittall & Ray Green, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

The fruit of two Churches combining, it provides opportunities for people from diverse social backgrounds to meet and support each other spiritually and pastorally.

Shropshire Autistic Supporters, represented by Linda Crane, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

Founded in 1996, this group helps anyone with autism, offering emotional support and practical advice. It is run by people who have personal experience with autism and therefore are able to empathise, give practical tips and support to help people deal with life and the ups and downs of autism.

Shropshire Dyslexia Association, represented by Kris Prince, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

People with dyslexia experience difficulties with reading, spelling and writing, confuse directions, muddle left and right and often have difficulties in following everyday sequences that we all take for granted. The Association has provided local practical help to those who not only suffer but also their families

Shropshire Playing Fields Association, represented by David Kilby, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

This Association provides advice and assists in the provision and protection of our playing fields and playgrounds. It encourages playing of all games and sports and wherever possible provides financial assistance.

SILVER AWARDS



The Grange Day Centre

Mary De Saulles

Pamela Jones

Pam Smith

Royal Air Force Association

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The Grange Day Centre, represented by Cate Wallington, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

Over the years this facility has provided support to some of our most vulnerable people in society. With major challenges to local authority funding, the introduction of personalised budgets and opportunities for people to make their own choices, facilities like this are under threat. This award is given to the staff who have been inspirational to those who have used the facility over the years and have helped them to carry out their everyday lives.

Mary De Saulles, nominated by Roger Goodhew

An architect by profession, with a passion for the town, this individual has shown that an individual and voluntary initiative can gather momentum. She produces a monthly colour coded publication detailing the cultural activities within the town, focusing on revolving themes and providing an information source.

Pamela Jones, nominated by Councillor Malcolm Price

Pam has been the Caretaker at the Ditherington Community Centre for over 30 years, was prepared to run a facility when there was no one else to help and would always help local people.

Pam Smith, nominated by Councillor Alan Mosley

Most families in Ditherington will know this individual. Such is her commitment that despite challenges of her own, she freely gives of her time and energy to support her community in a relatively deprived area of the town.

The Shrewsbury Branch of the RAF Association, represented by John Tisbury & Alan Poole, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

This local branch of a national association is dedicated to supporting both serving and former RAF personnel and their families. Whether its an injured airman fighting to get back on his feet, a little girl missing her dad whilst he is away on active service or a World War II veteran needing support, they are there to help.

SILVER AWARDS



RAF Shawbury
Rosemary Thornes
Shrewsbury Athletics Club
Shrewsbury Senior Citizens
Forum

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MAYORS AWARDS 2011

RAF Shawbury, represented by Wing Commander Rob Dargan & Warrant Officer Colin Foot, nominated by Group Captain Warren James

For students attending training courses at RAF Shawbury its not about just learning to fly or control the sky above us, its about being involved in the communities around them. Be it hard graft, building gardens in schools and nursing homes to more sedate tasks like dog walking, they've done the lot.

Rosemary Thornes, nominated by Alison Bukhari

Rosemary has literally been at the heart of our town for many years, not least as Chairman of the Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents Association between 2005-2010, contributing to the development of policies on a whole raft of issues from parking to waste management; use of the Quarry to the overall vision for the town, currently undertaking a PHD at Birmingham University in Urban Morphology, she is Secretary of the Urban Morphology Research Group and I am sure there will be one or two references to Shrewsbury in it. She has never been frightened to get her hands dirty and can be seen on organised litter picks through the town.

Shrewsbury Athletics Club, represented by Doreen Jebb & Pat Higgins, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

This accredited club provides for athletics for everyone from the age of 9 right through to seniors and caters for all abilities. Based at the Athletics Track at London Road, the club is so successful that there is even a waiting list to join.

Shrewsbury Senior Citizens Forum, represented by Les Greaves & Bill Harris, nominated by Alderman Eileen Sandford

This organisation provides a better quality of life for our senior citizens, so that they enjoy, not endure the autumn of their lives and continue to contribute actively to our modern society and environment.

GOLD AWARDS



Olwen Abbott

Jenny Onions

**Caterpillar Remanufacturing
& Components Division**

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Olwen Abbott, nominated by Revd Phil Cansdale

This lady manages the community café at the heart of Radbrook Green. Although employed to run the café it is clear that this is a labour of love. She provides a place of warm welcome, support and a listening ear to local communities. She leads a team of 30 volunteers ranging from 20-95 who help in the café serving up to 200 people every day, offering a shopping home delivery service to those who can't get out, not to mention raising over £3000 for local charities. She is truly an inspiration to others.

Jenny Onions, nominated by Mr S Hopgood

Churches are the focus of local communities and running facilities like Church Halls is a thankless task. It is fair to say that this lady has been a stalwart for the Church, the Oxon Church for over 40 years. She's on her 7th Vicar, acting as a verger, churchwarden and member of the PCC. She helps organise Church Fayres, Girl Guides and Brownies, fundraises for the Church, Christian Aid not to mention the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Caterpillar Remanufacturing & Components Division, represented by Peter Bettis, Ceri Duloherly & Benjamin Reed, nominated by Benjamin Reed

This organisation takes its corporate social responsibility seriously with many of their staff giving up their time and skills for the benefit of local charities, schools and organisations. Not only has this organisation raised significant sums for local charities, but they have opened their premises to young people, at times when they need to make decisions about their future.



COMMUNITY CATEGORY WINNER

Olwen Abbott

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MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS

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

The Awards are made to individuals but they all represent vital organisations within the town, all of which organise the efficient flow of activities held on a regular basis to help others within our town

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Keith Willocks

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For those who were passing through the Quarry one bright December morning last year may have noticed Keith Willocks. He was the chap in a red suit wearing a big white beard and arrived in the Quarry by helicopter courtesy of RAF Shawbury. He was the excitement of the children in the town who came into the Quarry to watch him land. But I will let you into a secret, there was no one more excited about his trip than Keith himself!

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Sally Ralph

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Sally has been teaching line dancing for over 14 years and aside from being a form of exercise, the classes also provide an opportunity for people to socialise and recover from illness, injury and the stresses and strains of life.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Hira & Veena Midda

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Hira and Veena Midda have been regulars in the Market Hall in Shrewsbury for over 40 years and have recently retired. Hira Midda and his wife have always been very helpful, friendly and a great asset to many families over the years. Their achievements have come from their hard work, dedication and good teamwork and they certainly deserve a relaxing retirement.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Richard Raven

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Unfortunately Richard Raven is unable to join us tonight, but he has worked tirelessly for Age Concern. Richard was a teacher at Shrewsbury School, he has been a lay Prison visitor for many years and has been a trustee on numerous charities. In his 'spare time' he opens up his garden to the public and has done a huge amount of work for the public service.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Eryl Williams

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Eryl Williams helped fundraise for the Chemotherapy Day Unit with Macmillan in conjunction with Lingen Davies. In the year 2000 Eryl started work for the Lingen Davies Cancer Relief Fund as the Fundraising Manager and launched the Linac Appeal (£250,000 project). She went on to launch the Lingen Davies Children's Cancer Rainbow Unit in 2002 (£470,000 project) and the Lingen Davies Cancer Centre Appeal in 2004 (£3.2m project). Her fundraising efforts are outstanding and a lifeline to those charities that benefit.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Adelphi Care Services

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Adelphi Care Services opened in 1992 and provides residential support to young people with severe learning difficulties and challenging behaviour. The organisation helps them to develop feelings of trust, security, confidence and self-esteem. It allows them to overcome or compensate for their disabilities and enable them to integrate into community life. Last summer Madam Mayor was proud to attend their Celebration of Success event where she could witness the dedication of the staff first hand.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Jeremy Johnson

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Jeremy Johnson joined Severn Hospice as Medical Director on 22nd May 1989. During the last 22 years Jeremy has provided the highest quality of medical and personal support to tens of thousands of patients and their families through Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Mid-Wales.

Jeremy is passionate about, and has been heavily involved in, medical education at local, regional, national and international levels and regularly teaches on both undergraduate and post-graduate medical courses.

Using his annual holidays Jeremy has developed strong links with clinical staff in India, the Near East and South America with the aim of improving end of life care for people in developing countries. He personally supported the development of one of the first hospices in India, "Karunashraya" located in Bangalore. His contribution to palliative care services in the sub-continent has been recognised through his election to the governing committee of the Indian Association of Palliative Care.

Jeremy is totally committed to his patients, their families and the staff who deliver end of life care in Shropshire and Mid Wales but his influence in improving end of life care for those in need is truly international.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Judy Townsend

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I can speak with authority as Madam Mayor is my 13th Mayor. Being a Mayor is about wearing that red robe, having that bling around your neck, being ferried everywhere in that shiny car and generally grinning to yourself every time you see your face in the paper.

But the Mayoralty is about team work and some of the town's unsung heroes have been the wives and husbands of our past Mayors. They are the ones who get graphic accounts of last night's Council meeting, they are the ones who have to remember the Mayor's glasses and speeches and they are the ones that have to keep homelife in balance whilst the Mayor carries out his duties.

The Mayor would like to recognise the work of last year's Mayoress, Judy Townsend. She helped Councillor Townsend set the standard for future Town Council Mayor's and was always at his side, providing that valuable support. At the end of her term of office she looked fondly on her year as one of her best.

Since then she has suffered poor health, having been diagnosed with throat cancer and has undergone gruelling surgery and treatment. She recently published her account of her diagnosis and subsequent treatment and those who have read the account have been greatly moved by her frankness, bravery and steely determination.

She remains throughout, community minded, and continues to raise money for Severn Hospice and Lingen Davies Cancer Centre Appeal and is very active in the Belle Vue Arts Society.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MAYORS AWARDS 2011

Finally 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 to play second fiddle to their community work and also a 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.

In the summer, the nomination papers will be available for the 2011 Mayors Awards and we very much hope that you will spread the word and encourage others to nominate those unsung heroes of our town.