



# MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY'S AWARDS MAY 2012

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Mayors Awards 2012

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 time for us to say thank you to those who have taken the time to nominate individuals and groups for awards.



# BUSINESS CATEGORY

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**BRONZE AWARDS**  
**Business Category**



**Information Solutions  
Limited**

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**Information Solutions Limited.**

This Shrewsbury-based business has been in operation for almost 10 years and provides IT and website solutions for a wide range of clients; some local and some national household names. The company remains loyal to Shrewsbury, opting to support, where possible, local businesses and have been responsible for the development of the website version of the new Severn Magazine promoting the town.

**SILVER AWARDS**  
Business Category



**Dene Edwards – Forever  
Invasion Limited**

**Shropshire Housing Alliance**

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**Dene Edwards – Forever Invasion Limited.**

With the support of the Princes Trust, Dene set up a company in 2010 and successfully established the Shrewsbury Fields Music Festival at the West Wales Showground. He has managed to garnish the support of a number of young volunteers to help run the event. At a time when youth unemployment is high, Dene is testimony of how determination, creativity and hard work can pay off.

**Shropshire Housing Alliance.**

This not-for-profit organisation assists people within Shrewsbury who are homeless and in housing need, by helping to improve their quality of life, empowering them through support and advice to develop their personal outlook and equipping them with the necessary life skills to find training, employment and a home. This all relies on having good staff and volunteers who are well-skilled to motivate and encourage those they support.

SILVER AWARDS  
Business Category



## Imagematch Social Enterprise

## Zen Communications (UK) Limited

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### **Imagematch Social Enterprise**

This Community Interest Company provides recognised training and qualifications to those who find themselves out of work. They have moved away from the “one size fits all” model to providing bespoke solutions to fit the personal needs of the individual. They have successfully placed 200 people into work placements throughout the area in their first year of trading.

### **Zen Communications (UK) Limited.**

Founded in 2008, this public relations business has helped to raise the profile of countless numbers of Shrewsbury businesses, new and already established, across a wide spectrum of industries. All of this PR adds to the collective reputation of Shrewsbury as the County Town of Shropshire to both local, regional, national and international markets.

**GOLD AWARDS**  
**Business Category**



**Aubrey Kirkham Funeral  
Directors**

**Evans Easyspace**

**Samuel Taylor - Libertine  
Cocktail Bar & Tea Rooms**

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**Aubrey Kirkham Funeral Directors.**

Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of trading, this local family-run business has developed to become a truly respectful and esteemed funeral service, providing exacting standards of quality, helping many of our residents to deal with the loss of loved ones and providing a supportive aftercare service. Nothing is too much trouble. There is also their charitable arm, which is little talked about; this year, they played a fundamental part in raising £2,400 for the Hayley Higginson Foundation Trust.

**Evans Easyspace.**

Running the Rural Enterprise Centre at Battlefield, Evans Easyspace offers small and start-up facilities for local businesses. The centre has 53 units, and in 2011 they boasted 100% occupancy, which in the current climate, is a highly commendable achievement.

**Samuel Taylor**

This young entrepreneur is to be commended for setting up a new business in his home town less than 12 months ago. He opened Libertine Cocktail Bar & Tea Rooms in June last year. In that time, he has grown his business, with a projected turnover to far out-pass his projections and now employs 15 members of staff. He operates a flexible approach towards his staff, who have rewarded him through their commitment to his business. This is a young businessman on the up.



# **BUSINESS CATEGORY WINNER**

**Samuel Taylor**

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# ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY

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**SILVER AWARDS**  
Environmental Category



## Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents Association

### Tidy Shrewsbury

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#### **Shrewsbury Town Centre Residents Association.**

The Town Centre benefits from not only having a thriving business and retail community, but also having a caring and conscientious Residents Association, who take great pride in where they live. As you will all know, we have many shuts and passageways, and the residents are regularly patrolling the area, picking up litter and reporting any problems to the Street Scene Officers.

#### **Tidy Shrewsbury**

Cigarette butts, chewing gum and dog fouling are the bane of our lives, and are often the roots to a place becoming unkempt. But rest assured, the work of Tidy Shrewsbury has helped to combat this. This group champions all over the town, organising litter pick days and they work closely with Street Scene Officers to sort out those “grot spots”.

**SILVER AWARDS**  
**Environmental Category**



**John Hazzard – Bowbrook  
Allotments Chairman**

**Kenneth Leah**

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**John Hazzard, Chairman of Bowbrook Allotments.**

The need for allotments never reduces and the town's latest allotment site has been testimony to this ever-growing (no pun intended) wish to garden and produce local food. John Hazzard has steered the Allotments Association in to becoming an extremely successful site and after only three years of gardening, has featured in the National Gardens Scheme and won the Gold Award in the RHS "It's your Neighbourhood" Award.

**Kenneth Leah.**

This is probably an area that few of us will venture to, but the Monkmoor Sewerage Works has played an important part in Kenneth's life for over half a century. He left school in 1956 and joined his Dad at the then Shrewsbury Borough Sewerage Farm and continued there until he retired in 2007. Since then, he has worked as a Volunteer Warden in the wildlife area and has developed a natural habitat for a large number of species of wildlife, so much so, that this has become a real nature haven in the town.

**GOLD AWARDS**  
**Environmental Category**



**Richard Stevens**

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**Richard Stevens.**

We all know him as “Dickie”, our resident street cleaner who is tireless in his efforts to keep Shrewsbury Town Centre tidy. Always with a smile on his face, he is at the forefront of making visitors’ experience of Shrewsbury a truly memorable one.



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CATEGORY WINNER**

**Richard Stevens**

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# COMMUNITY CATEGORY

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**BRONZE AWARDS**  
**Community Category**



**Julia Wenlock – Shropshire  
Chocolates by Toot Sweets**

**Barbara and Alan Eames**

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**Julia Wenlock of Shropshire Chocolates by Toot Sweets.**

Where can you get those classic Belgian chocolates or those Sherbet Dabs or any sweet delicacy for that matter? You don't need to be a child to be happy in a sweet shop. But there is a community side to Toot Sweets; Julia is a very community-minded individual, from being part of the Shrewsbury Carnival Committee to simply donating an Easter egg to a Charity Fundraising event. She shows a caring attitude and great pride in our town.

**Barbara and Alan Eames.**

As every working parent will know, finding a good child-minder is an onerous task but finding one that goes that extra mile to provide a safe, caring and friendly, yet stimulating environment, are even harder to find. This couple have been registered child-minders since 1984, providing care to children from birth to age 16. Building dens, dressing-up, carpentry, baking and not forgetting the favourite – cutting and sticking; they're all on the list of things to do.

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**Community Category**



**shropshirelive.com**

**Monkmoor Hotel**

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**Shropshirelive.com**

This interactive website is designed to bring communities together, allowing local people to share information, photos, news snippets, weather reports – well, the list is endless. With links to Facebook and Twitter, this is a facility that all generations can use.

**The Monkmoor Hotel**

The Monkmoor Hotel is not just a hotel and pub, but is somewhere that cares about the more vulnerable people in the Monkmoor area. Working with Help the Aged, they have provided hampers and free meals for pensioners in the area.

**SILVER AWARDS**  
Community Category



## Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir

**Tony Fielden – Shrewsbury  
& District Stroke Club**

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### **Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir wins a Silver Award.**

The gentlemen of the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir are wonderful ambassadors for the town and their immaculate turnout reflects their pride in the community they represent. Their repertoire is extensive, and they have entertained young and old, near and far. Whilst they derive great personal pleasure in performing, they remain a highly-committed group and have raised thousands of pounds to support local charities and organisations.

### **Tony Fielden.**

Tony is the Treasurer of the Shrewsbury & District Stroke Club – a club whose aims are to relieve, comfort and support those who have suffered a stroke as well as their carers. He started as a volunteer driver in 1993 and has supported the club ever since. Nothing is too much trouble for him and many have benefitted from his kindness and support.

**GOLD AWARDS**  
**Community Category**



## **Shrewsbury Carnival Committee**

## **North Shrewsbury Friendly Neighbours**

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### **Shrewsbury Carnival Committee.**

People may think that this Committee is only responsible for the day-long event, but it takes 12 months of planning by a small but extremely conscientious group. People line the streets to watch the Carnival go by and with a huge variety of attractions, charity stalls, dance troops and bands, it provides great fun for everyone. The Committee is tireless in its efforts to raise money to run the event and all surplus funds are donated to Shrewsbury-based charities and organisations.

**North Shrewsbury Friendly Neighbours.** Founded in 2002, North Shrewsbury Friendly Neighbours supports many older people living in Castlefields, Ditherington, Heath Farm, Mount Pleasant, Sundorne, Harlescott, Monkmoor and Greenfields. It has a team of volunteers who provide support, such as dog-walking, assistance with shopping, taking people for blood tests and just being there for a friendly chat over a cup of tea.



**Shrewsbury Street Pastors**, which started when the local Churches were approached to launch a scheme with the aim of making the town centre a safer place for people to enjoy themselves over the weekend. The volunteer Street Pastors make themselves available to help people who have become vulnerable in the evening. This may be through the effects of alcohol, or drugs, relational difficulty and emotional distress. The Pastors then get these vulnerable people home safely, putting them in touch with their friends and provide things like space blankets to keep them warm, water to re-hydrate them or flip-flops if they can no longer walk in high heels.

### **Caterpillar Remanufacturing and Components Division**

In the Ditherington area of the town, work has been done to turn the former Salop glass building into a temporary indoor skate venue, ahead of long-term plans to develop the site as part of the Flaxmill Development. When there was a need for a spot of painting and decorating, 40 members of staff from Caterpillar were on hand. Now the facility is highly used and highly valued by young people in the area.

**Shrewsbury's Move On Club** which was formed twelve years ago, and provides a social club for adults with severe learning disabilities, offering them stimulating activities on a weekly basis. The club allows an enjoyment of music and dance together with others which would be hard to achieve in any other context. The Mayor and Mayoress were soon joining in!



# COMMUNITY CATEGORY WINNER

**Shrewsbury Street Pastors**

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# TOURISM AWARDS

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**SILVER AWARDS**  
Tourism Category



# Shrewsbury International Street Theatre Festival

**Maggie Love**

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## **Shrewsbury International Street Theatre Festival.**

Established in 2005, this annual event brings street entertainers together from far and wide to perform on the streets of Shrewsbury. The variety on offer has proved successful and now attracts tens of thousands of people to the town. The Festival has become an accepted event in the Shrewsbury Festival calendar.

## **Maggie Love.**

Many of us pick up our annual Summer Season brochure and never think how it is put together. Well, much of it is down to Maggie and her fellow Shrewsbury Summer Season Directors. Maggie has brought her artistic flair to many events in Shrewsbury, which attract many people from afar and add to the colour of the town.

**GOLD AWARDS**  
**Tourism Category**



**Shrewsbury Tour Guides**

**Shropshire Horticultural  
Society**

**Salop Leisure**

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### **Shrewsbury Tour Guides.**

A visit to Shrewsbury would not be complete without a guided tour of the town. Our accredited and highly trained team of tour guides hold a raft of information and can tell tales of characters from centuries gone by. For those Cadfael and “A Christmas Carol” aficionados, there are specialist tours and for those who aren’t easily scared, even a Ghost Walk, all of which show the value we have to offer here in Shrewsbury.

### **Shropshire Horticultural Society:**

The Shropshire Horticultural Society is an organisation that firmly puts Shrewsbury on the map as organisers of the longest-running flower show in the world. 2012 will see the 125<sup>th</sup> Flower Show, and it continues to attract tens of thousands of tourists to the town, contributing millions to the local economy.

### **Salop Leisure.**

In the current economic climate, where more and more people are staying at home, Salop Leisure attracts people from far and wide. Staff always go one step further, providing a quality service and also signposting people towards the delights that Shrewsbury and Shropshire have to offer. The state-of-the-art Tourist Booth also helps to provide for the tourist’s needs.



**TOURISM CATEGORY  
WINNER**

**Shropshire Horticultural  
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# YOUTH CATEGORY

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**SILVER AWARDS**  
Youth Category



**Olivia Barber**

**1119 (Shrewsbury)  
Squadron, Air Training  
Corps**

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**Olivia Barber.**

It is always wonderful to see young people taking an active role in local democracy, supporting and encouraging their peers to become good citizens. Olivia has been a member of the Shropshire Youth Parliament for an unprecedented two years, during which time she has worked with School and College Councils, spoken in the House of Commons, debated youth-related issues and has not been frightened to stand up to our politicians. Is she a future Prime Minister in the making?

**1119 (Shrewsbury) Squadron, Air Training Corps.**

The only Air Training Corps in Shrewsbury and the biggest in the West Mercia area with 70 cadets and 13 members of staff. The Squadron, based at the Copthorne Barracks, offers a range of opportunities for 13-20 year olds, including flying, parachuting, shooting and getting involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Squadron motto – ‘Success through Determination’, says it all.

**GOLD AWARD**  
**Youth Category**



**Cadet Warrant Officer**  
**Craig Bellis**

**Shrewsbury College of Arts  
& Technology**

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### **Cadet Warrant Officer Craig Bellis.**

Craig is the highest-ranking Cadet at 1119 (Shrewsbury) Squadron and acts as mentor to new cadets, helping them to improve their leadership and communications skills, developing their confidence and encouraging them to be good citizens. Craig has become a role model and ambassador for both the Air Training Corps and Shrewsbury.

### **Shrewsbury College of Arts & Technology**

Unlocking potential, realising aspiration, achieving success – this is the Mission Statement of SCAT. College life is not all work and no play. Shrewsbury College aims to broaden students' horizons, allowing them to experience new opportunities, enjoy and achieve as well as make new friends. Its activities help to improve the self-confidence, keep students healthy and develop personal and social skills to meet the challenges of adult life. This year has seen two Red Cross shops opened on the Radbrook and London Road campuses - a project that has not only benefitted the charity but provided a real-life management development opportunity for students.



# **YOUTH CATEGORY WINNER**

**Shrewsbury College of Arts  
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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 his year in office and who he would personally like to commend and show his personal gratitude.**

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



**Holly Brown  
& Cadet Warrant Officer  
Craig Bellis**

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This year, Craig and Holly have taken on the mammoth task of being the first appointed equerries to the Mayor. They have featured in a number of high-profile events, including the Liberation Day commemorations in Zutphen in Holland as well as our very own Remembrance Day commemorations. They have been inspirational young people who have become role models for us and are true Ambassadors for Shrewsbury.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



**Victoria Walker**

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This young lady was rather quiet and unassuming until the Mayor chose her to take part in an experience of a lifetime on board the Stavros S Niarchos. She had to combat sea-sickness, scale storeys-high ropes and ladders and had to truly live outside her comfort zone. Again, another young person that we should be proud of.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## ● ● ● Grounds Maintenance Team (Shrewsbury Town Council)

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Shrewsbury Town Council prides itself in the work it undertakes maintaining our parks and open spaces and it takes great dedication, considerable skill and genuine passion for your job to create some of the finest displays you'll find. We regularly receive commendation from residents and visitors to the town on how beautiful the flowers are and, more importantly for us, how attentive and helpful our staff are.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## ● Shrewsbury Baptist Church ● (Incorporating Crowmoor & Central)

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During the Civic Year, the Mayor is expected to visit all Church faiths in Shrewsbury and see their work at first-hand. His visits to both the Crowmoor and Central Churches have shown how people from different walks of life can come together and support one another. With a fantastic building now open in the town centre, more people will inevitably benefit from their great work.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Shrewsbury Market Hall

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The Mayor and Mayoress are regular shoppers to the Shrewsbury Market Hall and have seen at first-hand how the facility has developed into one which is colourful and vibrant, not to mention full of good quality produce at affordable prices. The Mayor has been delighted that our Market Hall has achieved national acclaim by firstly the Markets Officers winning the “Market Team of the Year” Award and then winning the coveted “Market Hall of the Year”.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Monkmoor Youth Club

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It is no secret that the Mayor is a champion for young people in the area and a place close to his heart is the Monkmoor Youth Club. The club provides sessions for young people from age 11 upwards and is a valuable place for them to hang out and be themselves.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Royal British Legion (Shrewsbury & Shropshire branches)

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This year saw a delegation from Shrewsbury's twin-town of Zutphen visit the town. Earlier in the year, the Mayor had made the trip to Zutphen to witness their wartime experiences and he was concerned that we would have trouble developing such an interesting and stimulating programme as they did. Fear not – with the help of both the Shropshire and Shrewsbury branches of the Royal British Legion, a programme was developed that reflected the experiences of the First and Second World Wars, but came right up-to-date with the supportive care that is given to victims of current theatres of war. This was an opportunity to learn so much about the Royal British Legion and their work – far beyond distributing poppies.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



**Steve Thomas**

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The Mayor knows Steve in his capacity as a teacher at Belvidere School and appreciates and understands the work he puts in to support and develop young people. This year, the Mayor came across him in a different role – that of Chairman of the Shrewsbury Amateur Operatic Society. He had front row seats for their fantastic production of “Titanic” at Theatre Severn and, according to the Mayor, there was nothing amateur about the production.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Ottley House Care Home

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The Mayor has visited Ottley House Care Home on a number of occasions, which is a 24-hour nursing care facility for people with dementia, and he has been humbled by the dedication and commitment of the staff there.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Tara Broadhurst

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Tara has worked tirelessly by volunteering during her evenings to work at Sundorne Sports Village working with disabled people, which is something that she feels passionately about. Young people like Tara are excellent role models for our society, and justly deserve their rewards.

# MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



## Shrewsbury Town Football Club

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Congratulations are well deserved for everyone at Shrewsbury Town Football Club for their fantastic achievement of winning automatic promotion to League 1 without having to endure the nail-biting, nerve-shredding lottery that is the play-offs.

After coming so close in previous seasons, the hard work put in at every level of the club has resulted in this heroic success and will be a huge boost to the whole town.

“The boys done good”



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

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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 2013 Mayors Awards and we very much hope that you will spread the word and encourage others to nominate those unsung heroes of our town.