



MAYOR OF SHREWSBURY'S AWARDS MAY 2013

SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Mayors Awards 2013

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.



BUSINESS CATEGORY

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SILVER AWARDS
Business Category



Dex's Midnight Runners Ltd

Magnolia Memorials

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Dex's Midnight Runners Ltd

The logistics industry is valuable to the economic viability of our country and having organisations that businesses can trust to transport their wares is essential. This local firm which prides itself on the provision of a service that is not normal has seen its business increase over this last year, employing more staff and increasing its fleet. With clients from utilities to law, engineering to sport, this company is vastly becoming the courier of choice of many household names.

Magnolia Memorials

Many of this year's nominations have a recurring theme of customer service and this business is no different. Bereavement is something that requires great diplomacy, compassion and a willingness to go that extra mile to meet the family's requirements. This firm provides an innovative service to support families wishing to erect memorials, be it the traditional headstone to more bespoke obelisks and bird baths. A business still in its infancy, it is vastly growing in its reputation.

GOLD AWARDS
Business Category



Henry Tudor House

Information Solutions Ltd

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Henry Tudor House.

Setting up business is difficult in these economic times, but to invest over £1 million in a Tudor building to set up a restaurant requires bravery, dedication and a strong belief in what you are doing. Now employing 17 members of staff and having only been trading for less than 6 months, interest and more importantly patronage is on the increase. This restaurant is building a reputation for quality and adding to the tourism offer of the town.

Information Solutions Ltd.

This technology firm provides IT solutions for many of our local businesses as well many further afield. This year they launched the very successful website loveshrewsbury.com designed to promote our town in a positive way.

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Business Category



Shrewsbury Fields Forever Festival

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Shrewsbury Fields Forever Festival

This young man, with the support of The Prince's Trust has set up what is now becoming one of those established events on our annual festivals calendar. The festival held at the West Mid Showground in September is gaining a reputation and last year 10,000 concert goers enjoyed the event. Be warned if you haven't got your tickets for this years event do so now as three quarters of the tickets have already been sold.



BUSINESS CATEGORY WINNER

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BUILT HERITAGE CATEGORY

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BRONZE AWARDS
Built Heritage Category



**Shrewsbury Sixth Form
College**

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Shrewsbury Sixth Form College

“Unlocking Potential – Shaping Futures” is the motto of one of the most popular Sixth Form Colleges in the county. Recently they have replaced those typically cold and damp outside classrooms with a new Geography Building with a difference. The “Green” construction is an education for students itself with the latest eco-technology set along one of the most beautiful riverside vistas you can find.

SILVER AWARDS
Built Heritage Category



The Silvertown

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The Silvertown

One of the newest hotels in Shrewsbury and one of the finest boutique hotels in the county, this establishment really adds to the visitor's experience of the town. Named after Mary Webb's pseudonym for Shrewsbury in many of her classics, the owners took a run-down building in Frankwell and turned into something far more pleasing to the eye. This has been the kick-start to a more rejuvenated Frankwell which has seen an influx of shopping and eating establishments over the last 6 months

GOLD AWARDS
Built Heritage Category



Henry Tudor House

St Alkmunds Church

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Henry Tudor House

Tucked away on Barracks Passage, this 15th century building, one of Shrewsbury's half-timbered "one-offs" has undergone a mammoth £1.1million refurbishment. Working with the county's Conservation Officers this project has been praised by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

St Alkmunds Church

This Church which adds to the town's skyline may be seen as the poor relation, but as a result of a dedicated team, the building has been meticulously restored, with many of the 18th century features replaced and enhanced. The building even houses some of the 21st century features; tucked away hidden behind the parapets are solar panels providing the building with sustainable energy.



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St Alkmunds Church

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ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORY

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SILVER AWARDS
Environmental Category



Steve Brown

Jay Mitchell

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Steve Brown and Jay Mitchell

This year the Town Council took over the management of the town's countryside sites from Shropshire Council and Matt the Countryside Ranger, as he is known too many, has settled in with the rest of our Grounds Maintenance Team. But he couldn't possibly manage over 130 hectares of countryside land without his trusted band of volunteers and we would like to acknowledge two who have worked with Matt for years. Come rain or shine they have helped transform our countryside sites into pleasurable leisure facilities.

GOLD AWARDS
Environmental Category



Howard Hutchings

Wilfred Owen School

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Howard Hutchings

Can the average person really create zero waste? Well that is the Rubbish Diet Challenge. The idea is to monitor your bin, taking photographs and or weighing your bin during an 8 week period. This will help track progress and by comparing with others, encourage exchanging hints and advice. Every week challenges are set such as: finding what and where items can be recycled, shopping with waste in mind. This individual who is a member of Shrewsbury Ecumenical Green Group trialled it in his street, the first in the country to do so. The results have been astounding with most families reducing their waste by a third and one family by 20kg! The Rubbish Diet really works – bins get slimmer and working together makes it a fun rewarding process.

Wilfred Owen School

The development of Eco-schools is fast growing and we now have 29 Green Flag Schools in Shropshire. To become a Green Flag School, schools must be working on a number of topics including energy, water, bio-diversity, healthy living, transport, litter, waste and global citizenship. Wilfred Owen gained its Green Flag Award in October 2012 as well as the Sustainable Schools Award in 2012. A truly environmentally conscious school.

GOLD AWARDS
Environmental Category



Hartleys Day Centre

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Hartleys Day Centre

Our Countryside sites offer many volunteering opportunities and allow those who help to excel in what they do and derive great satisfaction. For five years the Hartleys Day Centre has supported our work. This group of adults with learning disabilities regularly volunteer with their very hard working support worker Iona Rook and we thank you all for the efforts you make.



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CATEGORY WINNER**

Wilfred Owen School

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COMMUNITY CATEGORY

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BRONZE AWARDS
Community Category



Ken and Meriel Chippindale

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Ken and Meriel Chippindale

One of the first things that the Town Council did when it was established in 2009, was to support the setting up of a group aimed at seeking Fairtrade Town status for Shrewsbury. This couple have been the driving force behind us not only achieving Fairtrade Status, but achieving re-accreditation. They have encouraged local business to not only stock Fairtrade goods, but also positively promote their wares. With an established action plan, I am sure they will continue with the vigour, enthusiasm and conviction in their support for the Fairtrade movement.

SILVER AWARDS
Community Category



Richard Goodchild

Hope Initiative

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Richard Goodchild

We all take for granted that Shrewsbury is one of the safest towns in the country, but this only happens by having dedicated individuals who work hard to achieve that reputation. Having walked the streets of Shrewsbury as a police officer, this individual would have been justified in putting his truncheon away. Instead he retired to co-ordinate our Safer Shrewsbury group, developing our highly successful Shop Watch and Pub Watch radio facilities and engaging with our retailers and night time establishments to ensure our reputation of being a safe town continues.

Hope Initiative

This charity started in 2011 was set up to support 14-30 year olds who are not in education, training or employment. It runs a highly successful 12 week car mechanic programme in four secondary schools and the Grease Monkey Schools programme has seen 30 young people through its doors over the last year. Students have been inspired and motivated by their learning on the course, which has changed their attitude to other aspects of their lives.

SILVER AWARDS
Community Category



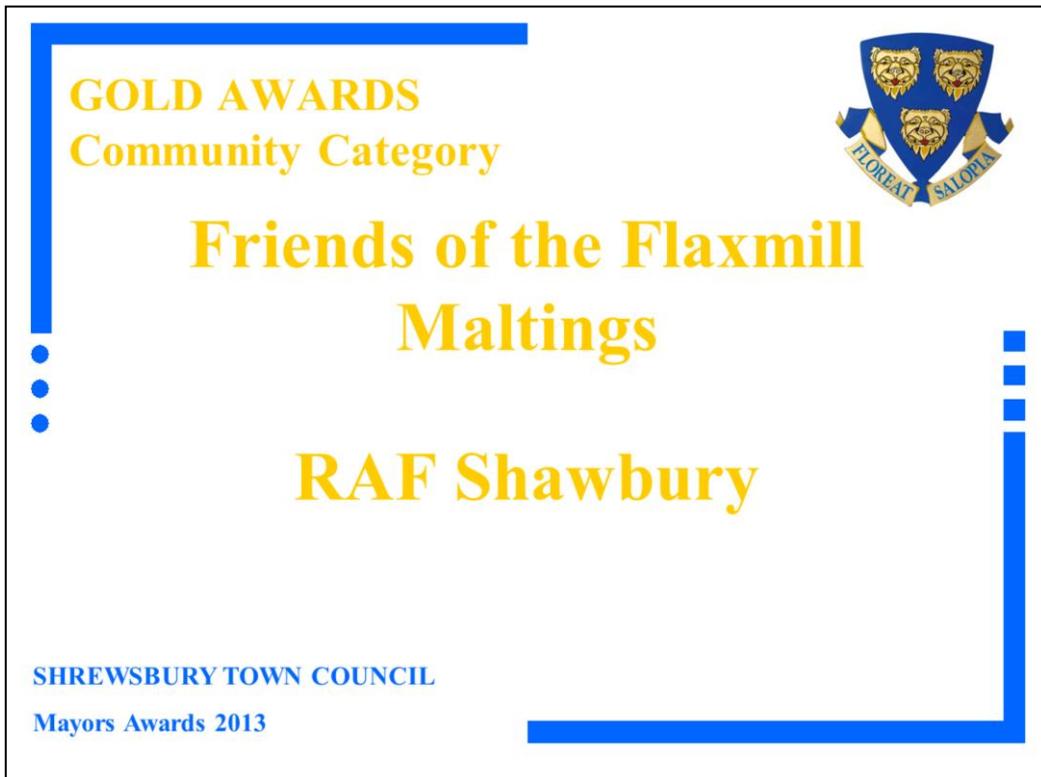
Philip Davies

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Philip Davies

There are some individuals who if you cut them in half have Shrewsbury running through them; this is one such gentleman. Born and bred in the town, he has served our town well for many years as a magistrate so some of us naughty ones might have already come across him. But this award is to acknowledge his community side having been a stalwart on some of the major community organisations like the Business Chamber, Shrewsbury in Bloom, Safer Shrewsbury. He has used his PR skills to provide many of these organisations with much needed column inches of publicity and truly helped put many of them on the community map.



Flaxmill Maltings.

Public interest in the Flaxmill Maltings has greatly increased following the formation of the Friends of Flax Mill Maltings in 2010. The Friends have flourished and taken responsibility for conducting guided tours, open days, lectures, liaison with the community, schools, colleges and other organisations. The Friends of Flax Mill Maltings Committee meets monthly and comprises of local people from a wide range of backgrounds and expertise including teachers, a website developer, a graphic designer, artists, archaeologists and builders. The Committee has been ambitious in playing a significant part in planning the transformation of the heritage building and we all wait with baited breath for the outcome of their recent bid for Heritage Lottery Funding for we know with people like the Friends at the helm it will be a project that succeeds.

RAF Shawbury

We all regularly hear the chug-chug sound of Chinooks and Squirrel helicopters over our houses but pay little notice to where they come from, what they do and how they impact on our safe existence in Shrewsbury. The station's association with flying dates back 95 years and retains a national significance as not only the tri-service Defence Helicopter Flying School but also the School of Air Traffic Control. The base retains a strong sense of community and works very closely with its

neighbouring villages to ensure that their work continues with minimal disturbance.

GOLD AWARDS
Community Category



Belle Vue Arts Festival

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Belle Vue Arts Festival

This annual festival will be celebrating its 10th year in June this year and was the brainchild of our much loved and much missed former Mayoress Judy Townsend. The festival is designed to inspire local artists by providing gallery space to show their skills, staging quality performances and exhibitions and organising valuable workshops and competitions all funded by that other growing annual event the Garden & Scarecrow Event. What a wonderful legacy of a wonderful lady.



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CATEGORY WINNER**

Belle Vue Arts Festival

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TOURISM AWARDS

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SILVER AWARDS
Tourism Category



**Stewards of St Mary's
Church**

**Shropshire & West
Midlands Agricultural
Society**

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Stewards of St Mary's Church

This dedicated group of volunteers provide an excellent stewarding service in one of Shrewsbury's most treasured buildings. Anyone entering the church is greeted and made welcome, given guidance and information and directed to points of interest. Nothing is too much trouble for them.

Shropshire & West Midlands Agricultural Society

Set in one of the most stunning settings alongside the river Severn, the West Mid Showground is one of the oldest and most established showground's in the country. Over the years some of our nationally recognised shows have had to cancel because of weather or even close through lack of demand and despite having gone through some hard times over the years the Society has maintained a steely determination to carry on adding to the tourism vibrancy of our town. With a band of dedicated volunteers (or Show Makers as they are calling them this year) the show must go on.

SILVER AWARDS
Tourism Category



Shrewsbury Children's Book Festival

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Shrewsbury Children's Book Festival

As you can imagine Shrewsbury thrives on its eclectic mix of festivals and events and some have become accepted annual events in the town's calendar. Where else could you find out about the exploits of the Wimpy Kid or Harry & the Dinosaurs or listen to the Festivals Patron Michael Morpurgo. Since 1999 the festival has aimed to inspire, enthuse and entertain children through literature and the arts.

GOLD AWARDS
Tourism Category



Martin Wood

Sabrina Boat

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Martin Wood

This individual is truly a larger than life character, all 7'6" of him. Along with representing Shrewsbury in both official and unofficial capacities for over 27 years, he provides a very unique and personal guided tour service for visitors of the town. He is a hit with the youngsters who not only love his gory stories from our town's history, but are also in awe when they find out he has been a body double for Hagrid in Harry Potter. He is one of those individuals that if you cut him in half will have Shrewsbury running through him.

Sabrina Boat

Sabrina the Goddess of the river is an apt name for a boat that graces one of the most beautiful pieces of the River Severn. What better way than to while away an hour between the Welsh and English Bridges and absorb what is so magnificent about Shrewsbury. But this award goes further, Dilwyn Jones, the owner of Sabrina has been instrumental in getting various tourism providers to work together to promote the tourism offer of the town. It's amazing what pooling meagre resources and mountains of enthusiasm can do.



TOURISM CATEGORY WINNER

Sabrina Boat

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YOUTH CATEGORY

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SILVER AWARDS
Youth Category



Shrewsbury Youth Theatre

The Prince's Trust

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Shrewsbury Youth Theatre

Established in 1993, this organisation provides a professionally staffed youth theatre company for Shrewsbury. The company provides theatre activities for children and young adults aged 5-20 years, ranging from basic training in theatre skills to large scale performances in Theatre Severn. The Mayor and Mayoress had the pleasure of attending their recent production of A Mid-Summer Nights Dream and were both blown away by the professionalism of the cast, the imagination and imagery of the set and costume and the overall good nature of these young people.

The Prince's Trust

We all know of the Prince's Trust and the fabulous work they do to encourage young people to develop skills that will ultimately help them to find long-term employment. Locally we have had the delight of working with a local team under the Assistance of their Team Leader, Tom Taylor, who have undertaken practical projects which have not only increased their life-skills but also made significant improvements to the quality of life of the communities they work in. The path they helped to build at our Upton Land Recreation Ground is testimony to the hard work, dedication and professionalism this organisation has.



Friends of the Flaxmill - Flaxivity

What do you do with a vacant building while it waits to eventually be part of a multi-million pound regeneration scheme. Well that was the dilemma of the Friends of Flaxmill who have transformed the former premises of the local firm Salop Glass in the Castlefields and Ditherington area of Shrewsbury into a Centre for youth activities. Its name was suggested by the young people themselves and is now a lively space delivering an array of features, including an indoor skate area, scooter ramps, basketball, pool and other positive activities as requested by young people themselves. Partnership has been the key to this project with the local Councillor, local residents, Shropshire Council, Severnside Housing, Shropshire Youth Association, the Local Police Team, Caterpillar Remanufacturing and most importantly, young people working together to develop a facility that all are justly proud of.

The Wilfred Owen School

It isn't often one organisation is nominated or warrants nomination in two categories, but this is one of them. This school provides great support to its students to excel in a variety of activities and we at the Town Council have always been impressed by their attention to detail, professionalism and all round enthusiasm. It has been a delight over the years to take the regional in Bloom Judges there as well as the national

Great Town Judges all of which have enjoyed their visits thoroughly and I can say we have always run over time as prising the judges away from the students is always difficult.



YOUTH CATEGORY WINNER

**Friends of Flaxmill -
Flaxivity**

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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



Reverend Prebendary Mark Thomas

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Reverend Prebendary Mark Thomas - Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds – that is the motto of St Chad's our magnificent Georgian church which stands proud in our skyline. But this is the motto of its most recent incumbent. St Chads has been the Civic Church of Shrewsbury for years and we have been proud that the vicar has continued with the traditions of the Borough Council to be the Town Council's Chaplain. We may not be the easiest organisation to deal with but he has greatly helped us to maintain a spiritual side in the secular environment that we operate in. On behalf of the Council, the Mayor wishes to place on record his gratitude for all he has done for us and pass onto him our very best wishes as he moves aside for someone new to take over.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Jim Williams

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Jim Williams - The Town Council has always maintained great links with our local Branch of the Royal British Legion. We come together to put on one of the largest annual commemorative events our Remembrance Parade and Service, but we also acknowledge what they do for the other 364 days a year. One stalwart of the local Branch has been this individual. Always there to lend a helping hand, be it sorting out our poppy wreaths to making sure that everyone is in the right place at the right time. This year has seen him take a backward step and his involvement in the Remembrance Parade and will be greatly missed.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Maggie Love

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Maggie Love - In 2012 we celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the whole country was enraptured by such celebrations. The Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire had an ambitious project to have one of the biggest celebrations the county has seen, attended by tens of thousands of residents and yes Her Majesty as well to join together to celebrate 60 years of culture. The task of putting it all together this Diamond Jubilee Pageant fell into the hands of our very own Maggie Love. Anyone who is able to get 5000 school children dressed in the right colour in the right location and the right time deserves more than a Mayors Award

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Joy Durrant

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Joy Durrant - 2012 also didn't go unmissed by the arrival of a flaming torch as it curled its way around the country making its way to what has since been described as the best Olympics ever staged. But organising the logistics of the torch gliding through Shropshire on two days no less required one who could cope with everything thrown at her from heightened security to where to put 10000 school children, from finding hundreds of volunteers to making sure the streets were clean and tidy. In Shrewsbury it was a truly magnificent day and one we will for a long time be glad that we were part of.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Julie Richards

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Julie Richards - The Mayor and Mayoress, like previous Mayors, have been humbled by the work of the Oteley House Care Home and past Mayors have nominated the facility at previous awards ceremonies. This year the Mayor and Mayoress were touched by an individual who has sadly recently left Oteley House. She managed to take care to that extra level ensuring that all residents felt special and providing their families with great assurance that their family member were being well look after.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Muriel Rayner

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Muriel Rayner - The Mayor and Mayoress's Awards Ceremony would not be complete without some mention of the Scouts and Guide movement which both have maintained great links both personally and through their children. They would like to recognise someone who has recently retired as the Shrewsbury Divisional Commissioner. The behind the scenes organiser of many of our Guide and Brownie activities, the front of all guiding knowledge and the one that everyone turns to for support.

MAYOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS



Shrewsbury Lions

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Shrewsbury Lions - The Monday of that long Jubilee Bank Holiday last June saw the Quarry transformed into one of the biggest picnic events to celebrate the Jubilee. Everyone including the Mayor and Mayoress thoroughly enjoyed the event and was testimony to a very small committee who pulled out all the stops to ensure everyone had a great day out.



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 2014 Mayors Awards and we very much hope that you will spread the word and encourage others to nominate those unsung heroes of our town.