

# *Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards 2019*

#MayorsAwards



On behalf of the Mayor, Councillors and Officers of Shrewsbury Town Council, I am delighted to welcome you to this, our tenth Mayor's Awards Ceremony.

# *Celebrating 10 Years of the Mayor of Shrewsbury Awards*



Can you believe it 10 years of Mayoral Awards and it has been an event that has been enjoyed by every former Mayor

*Celebrating 10 Years*



*Mayor's Awards*

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

It's not about who has done the best, it is about who has done their best for our town, for in some way shape or form we can all contribute to town life. For many of those nominated tonight, it will have been a shock to receive an invitation, and we apologise for being very vague in the invitation to join us tonight. Well, no, we're not sorry; we love to watch the surprise on your faces. Tonight is about an opportunity to say thank you.

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

# *Built Heritage Category*



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We begin this evening with Built Heritage Awards:

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients Built Heritage Category*

*2013 – St Alkmunds*

*2014 – Hatchers Solicitors*

*2015 – Shrewsbury School*

*2016 – River Thai Restaurant*

*2017 – Cambrian House*

*2018 – Shrewsbury Cathedral Orchard Cafe*



*Mayor's Awards*

We have a town with over a thousand years worth of architecture with many of our fine buildings nestling against each other mixing modern with Georgian; Victorian with Tudor; even some of the 60's vernacular has its place!

Nominations were invited to acknowledge those who have undertaken new builds or refurbished existing buildings in the area that have in turn enhanced the local environment and as you can see from Past Winners of this Award the key is about creating 21<sup>st</sup> century use in a medieval setting.

*Silver Awards*

*Built Heritage Awards*

*Harvey's of Fish Street*

*Ten & Six*



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**Harvey's of Fish Street (SILVER)** – In a town like Shrewsbury the need to bring old buildings into a modern use is essential and we have seen a number over the years. Nestling in one of Shrewsbury's oldest medieval streets, Harvey's of Fish Street has been transformed from a furniture shop into a location for fine dining offering an ever evolving and internationally inspired menu using the very best of British ingredients. With rave reviews on trip adviser, this hidden gem provides a contemporary setting, a lovely ambience and a fantastic experience for those who visit.

**Ten & Six – (SILVER)** – We are famous for our black and white buildings in Shrewsbury and unlike many places our black and white buildings are originals. But that is not to say some often need some tender loving care to bring them into a contemporary use. This Grade Listed building in Mardol was most recently Jonathans, a card and gift shop with creaky floorboards and small spaces. Now it is a warm and inviting space as Shrewsbury's first dedicated Champagne Bar with an Alice in Wonderland theme.

*Gold Awards*

*Built Heritage Awards*

*Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings*



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**Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings (GOLD)** – Over 220 years ago the last bricks were laid on an extraordinary building which would change the skyline of Shrewsbury for many generations to come. For much of the last decade the Flaxmill has been shrouded in scaffolding to protect its decaying façade from the elements. Work is well under way on a £28m project which concentrates on restoring the 1797 Grade I listed Main Mill. With new guttering and 15,000 welsh slate tiles we have seen phoenix rising from the ashes as the scaffolding has come down to reveal the magnificence of the building which will kickstart regeneration in that area and a continued place in our skyline for centuries to come.

*Built Heritage Category Winner 2019*

# Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings



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# *Business Category*



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Now on to the Business Awards:

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Business Category*

- 2010 – Salop Leisure*
- 2011 – Evans Easyspace*
- 2012 – Libertine Cocktail Bar*
- 2013 – Henry Tudor House*
- 2014 – Salop Design*
- 2015 – Shrewsbury BID*
- 2016 – Salop Engineering*
- 2017 – Tesco Extra Battlefield*
- 2018 – Reech Media*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Silver Awards*

*Business Awards*

*The Rock Project Shrewsbury*



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**The Rock Project Shrewsbury (SILVER)** – The Rock Project is a franchise business specialising in teaching children to play guitar, bass, drums and sing in small groups before coming together to play as a band and perform in live concerts. Set up in North Wales it has expanded to Shrewsbury, their business is growing year on year and provides significant developmental benefits to young people far beyond just playing a musical instrument. From numeracy & cognitive to social skills and confidence building. As music and the arts are cut from the state education curriculum more every year it is so important that parents have an alternative for their children's musical education.

*Gold Awards*

*Business Awards*

*Hencote*

*Planet Doughnut*

*Shrewsbury Indoor Market*

*Yarrington Limited*



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**Hencote (GOLD)** – With a setting overlooking Shrewsbury with magnificent views of the town, in the ancient wet woodlands of the old River Severn, this location has the perfect conditions to create a local wine estate where people visit the wine operation, indulge in fine dining with locally sourced produce and can even do a spot of glamping in luxury lodges. People who visit Shrewsbury generally pine for that experience and this is the kind of business that puts Shrewsbury on the map of good hospitality and a visit not to be forgotten.

**Planet Doughnut (GOLD)** – They pride themselves in making "Out of this World Doughnuts". Every doughnut is hand rolled, cut, filled and iced with an ever changing menu of unique flavour combinations. All the more reason to call in on a regular basis to try all the flavours. But don't forget little doglets are catered for too with Life of Riley Dog Donuts. There is no reason for not keeping up to date with their APP and doughnut emails and what's not to love. The owner Duncan McGregor has brought a new and vibrant business to the town centre, built from scratch to offer something different. Not only does he employ local people (15 of them), he helps local charities and supports other fledgling businesses.

**Shrewsbury Indoor Market (GOLD)** – From food to flowers, books to bicycle chains, trainsets to take-aways, this place caters for all. In fact we defy you to find anywhere

in the country where you can buy bird nuts and Champagne and Oysters from neighbouring stalls. The Market Hall has been able to reinvent itself over the years to be a mixed-use facility where people come and stay and spend and has become a visitor destination in its own right. It has earned a good reputation validated by the fact it was Britain's Favourite Market in 2018 and the Farm Shop Deli Awards and What's On Readers Award for Best Market in the Midlands Award for 2019. This is a location to nurture fledgling businesses, giving owners the confidence to expand their enterprise and go on to bigger and better things.

**Yarrington Limited (GOLD)** – Yarringtons is an innovative and friendly home grown business with a reputation of supporting local charities. Their creative team have developed a unique system, called “My Appuccino” which allows businesses to create their own apps for smartphones. There is nothing like it on the market right now, and Shrewsbury based organisations, such as The Shrewsbury Flower Show, and others are already benefitting from their ground breaking technology. Using the My Appuccino system brings the app-creating process, and costly development time, down from weeks and months, to just a few days.

*Business Category Winner 2019*

# Shrewsbury Indoor Market



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# *Community Category*



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On to the Community Awards

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Community Category*

*2010 – Hilary Fisher*

*2011 – Olwen Abbott*

*2012 – Shrewsbury Street Pastors*

*2013 – Belle Vue Arts Festival*

*2014 – Digital Den*

*2015 – Shrewsbury Parkrun*

*2016 – Safe Places Shropshire*

*2017 – Shrewsbury Charity Christmas Card Shop*

*2018 – Homeless Outreach Street Triage*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Bronze Awards*

*Community Awards*

*Michelle Cork*



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**Michelle Cork (BRONZE)** – The need for quality childcare is on every parents wish list so that they are able to juggle work and home life in the financially challenging climate we live in. So to have a good childminder is crucial. Michelle has run her childminding set-up for over 7 years, and she goes above and beyond to help not only the parents of the children she cares for but also parents within our local community. She offers a free hour childcare to any mum in Shrewsbury, so they can go and get their smear test done child free.

*Silver Awards*

*Community Awards*

*Retiring Members  
of Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall*



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**Anne Ost, Bob Mills, John Morris & Jacki Gill (Retiring Members of Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall) (SILVER)** – Community facilities are important in our society but we never really appreciate who keeps them going and one such building is the Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall which will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2021. Over the years a Committee has looked after its fabric, taken bookings and ensured the building is used for fabulous community activities. This award recognises some of those individual members of the Committee who have worked tirelessly to make sure this building remains a vital asset in the community, but who have recently retired to make way for new members to take the mantle. It therefore gives us great pleasure to give silver awards to **Anne Ost, Bob Mills, John Morris & Jacki Gill**.

*Silver Awards*

*Community Awards*

*Dave Sandles*

*Peter Bellingham*

*Shropshire Cat Rescue Volunteers*



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**Dave Sandles (SILVER)** – Known as ‘Nobby’, Dave has been involved with the local football leagues for over half a century, being a player, manager, referee and fixture co-ordinator. Dave has been instrumental in ensuring that thousands of people have been able to partake in the beautiful game and the Sunday League remains competitive with respect being shown for fellow players and referees. All of Dave's work has been voluntary and as a result he is a greatly valued and well respected ambassador for football in the county.

**Peter Bellingham (SILVER)** – Peter is Pastor at The Well in The Square which provides opportunities for people to consider their faith through music, talk and discussion with others. Peter is often seen out and about and provides home visits to house bound Christians and non-Christians. He was the prime mover for the very well attended debate with the Humanist Society recently.

**Shropshire Cat Rescue Volunteers (SILVER)** – Shropshire Cat Rescue provides shelter, food and veterinary care for homeless, stray, abandoned and unwanted cats and kittens. They also aim to educate the public on responsible cat ownership and arrange for feral cats to be neutered. But if it wasn't for the sterling work of their volunteers they would not be able to achieve half of what they do, with not just those volunteers who care directly for the animals but those who work in the charity

shops or organise fundraising activities to raise much needed funds to continue their work.

*Silver Awards*

*Community Awards*

*St Vincent de Paul Society*

*Teresa James*

*Vicki & Ian Payne*



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**St Vincent de Paul Society (SILVER)** – The St Vincent de Paul Society cares for needy people in society helping those who are lonely, financially disadvantaged, mentally or physically ill, homeless, unemployed, in prison or housebound. Over the years the Society has helped hundreds of Shrewsbury residents by providing emergency accommodation, support for the lonely, clothing & school uniforms, school trips, emergency financial aid to families in need and helped new migrant families settle in Shrewsbury. The trained volunteers offer warm supportive help, in a safe environment, that is completely confidential.

**Teresa James (SILVER)** – For the last 12 months Teresa has been a Tinnitus Volunteer at Signal charity, supporting the Tinnitus Group, attending the drop-in sessions and conducting herself in a perfect, warm manner with many vulnerable individuals that come to the sessions. She has become a valuable member of the team in such a short time. But volunteering is not just about what they can do to help others but also what they can do for themselves and the added confidence and ability that brings in their development as a person. A credit to herself, the people she helps and the Signal Charity.

**Vicki & Ian Payne (SILVER)** – For 16 years, Vicki and Ian have been the big-hearted, much-loved and community-spirited landlady and landlord at the popular Prince of

Wales pub in Belle Vue. They genuinely care and look out for their loyal customers, making sure - in particular - that elderly customers are always well cared for. They've made their pub family friendly and dog friendly. The couple are also passionate fans of Shrewsbury Town Football Club and offer customers a coach service to and from all home games. And they always go that extra mile to make sure their customers are happy. A great community asset.

*Gold Awards*

*Community Awards*

*David Trumper*

*Edna Evans*

*Ivor Williams*



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**David Trumper (GOLD)** – An extremely knowledgeable local historian, David has contributed much to the social wellbeing of the town over several decades, presenting brilliant illustrated talks about the history of not just the town centre but also its suburbs and has been the author of many wonderful books about our beautiful town, packed with fascinating photographs from times gone by, contrasted with current day photos, to show what has changed and what hasn't. In increasing the people of Shrewsbury's appreciation of their town David has also raised huge sums of money for local charities.

**Edna Evans (GOLD)** – Having had a lifelong career as a midwife, Edna Evans couldn't hang up her caring shoes when she retired. Now 79 years young she continues to give back so much to others and has been Membership Secretary and Board Trustee for the West Shropshire Talking Newspapers for the Blind and despite having a nasty fall last year her will to volunteer has never waned. An inspiration to others.

**Ivor Williams (GOLD)** – In 2018 Ivor Williams retired as Musical Director of the Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir a position he had held since 1992. He took the position at very short notice upon the abrupt retirement of his predecessor and threw himself into it with enthusiasm, leading the Choir to successes both in concert and in competition. In this role he has supported hundreds of Choir members,

promoting their wellbeing, providing them with the opportunity to be part of their community and he has been paramount in ensuring the ongoing life of the Choir and its success in the town. A Shrewsbury man born and bred, he has been proud to take the name of the town widely afield. He has given freely his time and musical expertise to support the Choir and the Town.

*Gold Awards*

*Community Awards*

*Mad Cow Productions*

*Omega Care for Life Chatterbox*

*Polish Centre Shrewsbury c.i.c.*



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**Mad Cow Productions (GOLD)** – We received a number of commendations for Mad Cow to receive an award from people past and present who have benefitted from the family atmosphere of this theatre production company. The Company works tirelessly in putting on two shows a year at Theatre Severn in a very professional setting. Many have gone on to bigger and better things having developed their confidence in such a warm and inviting group.

Unfortunately, Mad Cow Productions can't be with us this evening as they are busy rehearsing for their latest show Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Although you don't know it yet Mr Mayor, you will be presenting their award to them when you go to see the show!

**Omega Care for Life Chatterbox (GOLD)** – Chatterbox is a telephone befriending service for people in the community who face problems linked to bereavement and life limiting illness and associated problems of poor health, social isolation and loneliness and poverty. This organisation helps some of the most vulnerable people in our society with a team of talented, well trained and highly motivated volunteer befrienders they really make a difference to the lives of people suffering from isolation.

**Polish Centre Shrewsbury c.i.c. (GOLD)** – The Polish Centre Shrewsbury received a

number of nominations in this category giving testimony to the value of this organisation in our multi-cultural society. The non-profit making organisation helps and supports the Eastern European community in Shrewsbury promoting their culture, history, geography and values whilst integrating into local life. Working with other partners and stakeholders they help to signpost people to valuable services and organise activities and events raising valuable funds to keep such a worthwhile project going.

*Gold Awards*

*Community Awards*

*Shropshire Mind*

*Shropshire Sanctuary at Shropshire Mind*

*St George's Church for The Frankwell Fallen*



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**Shropshire Mind (GOLD)** – Shropshire Mind is a charity that supports people who live with poor mental health. People do not need to be referred, they can just come in to use the drop in services, the lounge, activity room and relaxation room. They offer people the chance to have some distraction from their life of being unwell, the chance for people to be accepted, to be themselves and to seek independent support in a safe non-judgemental place. In 2018 they received more than 5,000 visits from people seeking support and also approx 2,000 phone calls and emails and this is increasing year on year. The organisation relies on volunteers to keep the drop in service running and all of the groups are manned with a team of dedicated and conscientious people who give their time each week to help support the needs of others.

**Shropshire Sanctuary at Shropshire Mind (GOLD)** – Set up in June 2017 the Shropshire Sanctuary is a 365 day out of hours crisis service that supports the Police and Ambulance services to help and support people in Shropshire, should they find themselves in crisis and in the company of the emergency services and is a much worthwhile service for the individual than long stays at A&E or the Redwood Centre. The Sanctuary has gone from strength to strength and to date has helped and supported almost 900 people but it has also had a tremendous benefit to the core operations of the Police, Ambulance Service, Mental Health Trust and Shropshire

Council.

**St George's Church for The Frankwell Fallen (GOLD)** – To mark the commemorations of the centenary of the Great War, St George's Church in Frankwell honoured the fallen of Frankwell. Residents and Businesses put up personalised posters honouring the war dead in the windows of the places in Frankwell where they lived. Organist Colin Keates researched all 89 names on the Church's Memorial, finding out where they lived and uncovering pertinent details about their lives in the area before they went off to war. All in all a very fitting tribute.

*Community Category Winner 2019*

**Polish Centre  
Shrewsbury c.i.c.**



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# *Courtesy Category*



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On to the Courtesy Awards;

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Courtesy Category*

2014 – *Aubrey Kirkham*

2015 - *Kurt Durnell*

2016 – *Tweet Up Shrewsbury*

2017 – *Amanda Jones*

2018 – *Shropshire Sanctuary*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Gold Awards*

*Courtesy Awards*

*Howard Hutchings*

*Lorraine Fletcher*

*Martin Wood*

*Tim Compton*



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**Howard Hutchings (GOLD)** – This award is given posthumously to the family of an individual with an enormous heart, a caring compassion and a wish to see some of our most vulnerable in society supported. It is interesting when you read the Community Award Trophy that many of the recipients of the award over the years have been touched by Howard in some way. He moved to Shrewsbury in 2000 after a career in teaching and began to help out at the Night Shelter in town. He then went on to become a Volunteer for the Ark and joined the Trustees eventually rising to become the charity's chair. But his caring nature didn't stop there. He was an active member of the United Reform Church, a great supporter of Fair Trade, a volunteer at the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and a governor of St Giles Primary School. A truly courteous gentleman and a great asset to the town.

**Lorraine Fletcher (GOLD)** – Lorraine started a Facebook Group "For the Love of Shrewsbury" three years ago for the purpose of socialising with people of similar interest in the Town and particularly with amateur photographers to share their results with others. In the first year it grew gradually but has now reached the incredible membership of over 13,000 with many local but also many Salopians living across the world striving for a bit of home life. Being a Facebook Page Administrator is no mean task as it is easy to make comment and press send without a care for who it might offend. But Lorraine controls the input strongly and will not tolerate

abusive, vulgar or demeaning comments and retains political impartiality.

**Martin Wood (GOLD)** – Not exactly the quietest of individuals in the town, but by far and away one of the most courteous. Martin has been Town Crier for Shrewsbury for many years and has shouted the praises of our beautiful town literally!

Immortalised in metal on Smithfield Road, the Sustrans statue of Martin shows what the people think about him as that was the public vote. He also regularly guides visitors around the town regalling the stories of our past, our cheeky skeletons and the beauty of our current. But it is also the behind the scenes support he gives to many charities and organisations that this award is given for.

**Tim Compton (GOLD)** – For best part of 10 years and until very recently, Tim has been the manager of The Ark, a local charity that supports the homeless and some of our most vulnerable in society. Over the years Tim has faced many challenges but has never lost sight of the need to be professional and courteous and treat everyone exactly the same. Tim has been a major contributor to the Homeless Outreach Street Triage Programme; HOST for short which signposts those sleeping rough into structured support and he has challenged others to change their attitudes, adapt their support for and give help to those who clearly need it.

*Courtesy Category Winner 2019*

**Lorraine Fletcher**



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# *Environment Category*



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On to the Environment Awards.

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Environment Category*

- 2010 – Jeremy Shrecker*
- 2011 – Stan Sedman*
- 2012 – Richard Stevens*
- 2013 – Wilfred Owen School*
- 2014 – Severn Hospice Volunteer Gardeners*
- 2015 – Bowbrook Allotments*
- 2016 – The Rubbish Diet*
- 2017 – Alun Lines*
- 2018 – Shrewsbury Food Hub*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Silver Awards*

*Environment Awards*

*St Julian's Litter Pickers*

*Meole Village Residents Association*



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**Brian Parr & Fiona Checkley (St Julians Litter Pickers) (SILVER)** – Many of our Environmental nominations come from people who want to acknowledge those who kick-start a bit of community action and begin to make a difference locally and this has happened in the St Julian's area of town. With a barrow full of spades, brushes, litter pickers and bags Brian Parr & Fiona Checkley have encouraged others to take ownership of their areas and pick up the litter that those have discarded, sweep those grot spots that seem to be forgotten and planted bulbs in those areas that people didn't notice but they do now.

**Meole Village Residents Association (SILVER)** – The power of local communities is evident and their ability to be more resilient and less reliant on others is key. One such group who continues to make a difference in their community is the Meole Village Residents Association. They have been instrumental in keeping Meole Village tidy, not just by organising Litter Picks but with everyday activities and encouragement. They have helped facilitate the introduction of litter picking equipment being located at the local village shop, they support national litter picking days and work with local groups like the scouts to keep this beautiful village clean & tidy.

*Gold Awards*

*Environment Awards*

*Andy Jones*

*Barry Archer*

*Shrewsbury Food Hub*



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**Andy Jones (GOLD)** – We have the benefit of having the beautiful River Severn flowing through the town but we all take it for granted. But have you ever looked along the banks and noticed the number of fishing pegs and the anglers casting their rods. This year has seen a real overturn in the fortunes of fishing and the excitement in the angling community is now electric and it is in part the result of this man. A very quiet person who uses his two ears and one mouth in that order, he has rallied the fishing community to become more open and accessible to all. We have seen more young people taking up the sport and this year the town hosted the biggest angling competition in the country attracting the David Beckhams of the angling fraternity. With lots of plans to make our fishing waters even more exciting he has developed a great sense of teamwork and camaraderie and partnership with others who use the river.

**Barry Archer (GOLD)** – The weir has always been a place that has attracted visitors, not least when the Salmon are retracing their roots and swimming upstream to spawn. But there is another attraction that is getting as much interest. Barry Archer has turned a small parcel of land into a haven for visitors with small farm animals and poultry wandering around to say hello. With the addition of a fabulous play area and I here a mean English Breakfast it is the go to place for anglers, walkers, families, in fact anyone who wants a bit of the countryside in town.

**Shrewsbury Food Hub (GOLD)** – Shrewsbury Food Hub began in April 2016 and in 2 years they have saved 96 tonnes of food from going to waste – supporting our community with enough free food for 228,500 meals. The food hub’s 105 regular volunteers collect unsold supermarket food from 15 supermarkets across our town, which is shared out between 60 groups who provide vital services to our community. In 2018 Shrewsbury Food Hub started a number of initiatives to further support our community including the Shropshire Food Poverty Alliance bringing together organisations from across the county to develop an action plan to help those struggling to afford a healthy diet and in December they started Shrewsbury’s first Community Fridge in a church, ensuring that a large range of chilled foods are available to local people for free.

*Gold Awards*

*Environment Awards*

*Shrewsbury Litter Action Project*

*Shrewsbury Town Council's Countryside Unit*



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**Shrewsbury Litter Action Project (GOLD)** – What do you get if you cross the persistence of a seasoned dog walker who went about litter picking as she walked her dog and the power of Social Media. Well here in Shrewsbury you get a SLAP. The Shrewsbury Litter Action Project started their Facebook campaign with a mission to regain our streets and open spaces, one bin bag at a time. Membership of the group has grown as has the group who go out litter picking championing the need to take back our open spaces and make them litter-free. The reason for this group was spelled out recently when they picked up a crisp packet with a best before date of May 1997.

**Shrewsbury Town Council's Countryside Unit (GOLD)** – The Town Council's Countryside Unit is responsible for many sites around the Town, ranging from The Old River Bed (a Site of Scientific Interest), Nature Reserves, Riverside walks as well as smaller local areas and woodlands. The permanent team is small but is supported by work experience students and local volunteers. These areas are used and enjoyed by many of the community of all ages so it is important that access is suitable but at the same time maintaining the natural environment. The trees, shrubs, undergrowth and flora area are cared for in a sensible way; wildlife is catered for and the wet areas and ponds are kept to a high standard. There are areas for anglers to enjoy their hobby. All this is an extremely high workload for the Unit and we as members

of the public benefit from their high standard they achieve.

*Environment Category Winner 2019*

# Shrewsbury Litter Action Project



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# *Tourism Category*



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*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Tourism Category*

*2012 – Shropshire Horticultural Society*

*2013 – Sabrina Boat*

*2014 – Shrewsbury Folk Festival*

*2015 – Martin Wood*

*2016 – Shropshire Festivals*

*2017 – Shrewsbury Morris*

*2018 – Love 2 Stay*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Gold Awards*

*Tourism Awards*

*Dave Parry*

*Dilwyn Jones*

*Shrewsbury International Comedy Festival*

*Theatre Severn*



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**Dave Parry (GOLD)** – This gentleman is in his late eighties and has been a volunteer at the Coleham Pumping Station since 1991 and was the General Manager for over 20 years. During that time he helped to restore the beam engines to their former glory and was always to hand for a spot of cleaning. Since the Shrewsbury Steam Trust opened its doors he has never missed an open day and has been a true meeteer and greeter. He has also been a stalwart during the weekly Tuesday Working Days and has helped to put the Coleham Pumping Station firmly on the Tourism Map.

**Dilwyn Jones (GOLD)** – Dilwyn is the driving force behind the success of Sabrina Boat and her trips between the two bridges giving our visitors a different insight into our historic town. He has also added a little pirate ship to his fleet and people can enjoy a very different experience shivering their timbers. But this award is given for the unwavering support Dilwyn has given to the tourism industry in the town. He is the one who has rallied the troops in providing a credible offer at the national tourism shows doubling coach visits arriving in the town. He also works tirelessly for Shrewsbury Tourism supporting the development of the town map which prints in excess of 100,000 copies a year. You will also have seen his endeavours in placing town map dispensers at every key location in the town so that our discerning visitors have up to date access to what's happening in the town. It is people like this who we have come to rely on that helps drive our valuable industry that brings over 2million

people a year to Shrewsbury.

**Shrewsbury International Comedy Festival (GOLD)** – Shrewsbury has a reputation of having a very wide Festival Offer and it has been wonderful to see the Shrewsbury International Comedy Festival take its place in the Events Calendar. Running now for two years it creates a huge buzz around the town and people travel from all over to see the comedy acts over four days. Be they Edinburgh Festival bound or preparing for country tours, all performers at the Festival are at the top of their craft and in the space of a couple of hours you may see one of the circuits best known acts working and moulding their material on the hoof. It is a good example of fun, inclusivity, diversity and representing Shrewsbury in a positive way adding greatly to the cultural offer of the town.

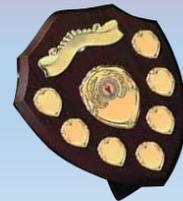
**Theatre Severn (GOLD)** – The ambitious legacy of Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council, Theatre Severn opened its doors in March 2009. The theatre over the last decade has brought an eclectic mix of the arts and culture to our very own doorstep. From opera to comedy, Shakespeare to the annual pantomime hundreds of thousand of people have come through its doors. But they haven't all been locals, many have come from further afield and the resultant economic benefit of having such a quality attraction right in the town is an excellent tourist driver for both Shrewsbury and Shropshire.

*Tourism Category Winner 2019*

# Theatre Severn



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# *Youth Category*



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On to the Youth Awards.

*Celebrating 10 Years*

*Past Recipients*

*Youth Category*

- 2010 – *Grange School*  
2011 – *The Hive*  
2012 – *Shrewsbury College of Art & Technology*  
2013 – *Friends of Flaxmill Maltings*  
2014 – *Young Enterprise*  
2015 – *Beacon Cricket Club*  
2016 – *Shropshire Members of Youth Parliament*  
2017 – *Alison Stevens*  
2018 – *Shropshire Youth Theatre*



*Mayor's Awards*

*Silver Awards*

*Youth Awards*

*1<sup>st</sup> Shrewsbury Beavers Colony*

*Footlights Dance School*

*Shropshire Virtual School Prize Giving*



*The Debate-Ed Programme*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Shrewsbury Beavers Colony (SILVER)** – The 1st Shrewsbury Beavers Colony offers a vibrant and varied introduction to the scouting world, developing valuable life skills and opportunities to children aged 6 to 8. From putting on events on once a week to camping trips around town and learning about socially responsible causes, the leaders teach responsibility, team work and self discipline and have worked with children with a variety of needs. Over the years dozens of children have passed through their care and ex Beavers continue to offer support and assistance to organisations across the town.

**Footlights Dance School (SILVER)** – The Footlights Dance School was set up by a local mum and dance teacher and classes are held at Mereside Community Centre and the United Reform Church. Children start to attend from the age of 3 and many have performed on big stages including Theatre Severn, the West End and even Disneyland Paris. The dance school is run by people who are passionate about dancing and that passion transfers to their student to learn to dance and enjoy dance.

**Shropshire Virtual School Prize Giving (SILVER)** – This ‘Virtual School’ for all of the children looked after by the local authority has been supporting the education and life chances of looked after children for many years but only in its current format for

the last 2 years when each local authority had to put in place a virtual school Head for looked after children. Rose Hooper has been in post throughout this time and with her Virtual school team and specifically Anne Williams they brought together pupils from all over the county to attend the inaugural Virtual school Prize Giving at University Centre Shrewsbury last September to recognise and celebrate the achievements of pupils after they were nominated by their schools. Pupils and teachers enjoyed a morning of activities, tours and a prize giving, giving the opportunity to celebrate success.

**The Debate-Ed Programme (SILVER)** – The Debate-Ed programme was launched in September 2016 and has recently enjoyed its fourth successful year. With the support of funding and staff from Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors, the programme works alongside secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Shropshire with the objective of developing young people’s skills. The programme provides A Level students with the opportunity to attend an interview at Lanyon Bowdler’s Shrewsbury office, where they are met by a number of the firm’s partners. They are required to prepare and deliver a two minute speech on a topic of their choice and are then asked questions in relation to the same. The programme also offers secondary school students the opportunity to develop their critical thinking, analysis, speaking and listening skills; brilliant life skills for those on the cusp of adulthood.

*Gold Awards*

*Youth Awards*

*Shrewsbury & Oswestry Crucial Crew*

*Smash Life*

*Stephen & Jayne Reese*



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**Shrewsbury & Oswestry Crucial Crew (GOLD)** – Established in 1994 Crucial Crew has been going for quarter of a century and during that time 27,000 children have attended the fortnight long event every June at Nescliffe Barracks. Children receive social awareness and safety training as a means of teaching them essential life skills, learning about the dangers of drugs, internet abuse, cyber bullying, stranger danger and the effects of hoax calls. They learn about the dangers of water, electricity, railways, poor hygiene, smoking, building sites and many more. With the support of the Police, Fire, Health, RNLI, St Johns Ambulance and many more, this is a feat of co-ordination.

**Smash Life (GOLD)** – Andy & Matt Smith are brothers and were placed into the care system by social services after neglectful parenting by their biological mother and father. You would think they would then be safe but between 1990-1998 they were abused by the very people they were placed with. Their story is harrowing and I defy you not to have a tear in your eye if you have an opportunity to listen to it. After years of having to deal with the effects of their traumatic abuse and the resulting consequences, they have turned their lives around. Many would want to turn their back on such a path, but both have used their past experiences to mentor young people with equal chaotic lives, inspiring them to make the right life choices and encouraging organisations to make sure that this doesn't happen to others. Despite

what life throws at you, you can turn your life around and these two young men are glowing testimony of what can be achieved.

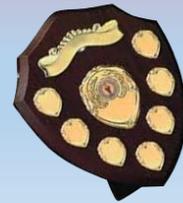
**Stephen & Jayne Reese (GOLD)** – For the past few years Steve and Jayne Reese have organised a Summer camp for Young People at Beacon Cricket Club at the Frankwell County Ground. For 5 days they offer a wide range of activities for young people, including a day that involves working for a local charity. Up to 60 young people attend, and on the Friday night awards are given out and there is a celebration with drinks, BBQ and fun. Whilst there are a group of volunteers from the cricket club and beyond, the Summer Camp wouldn't be the success it is without these two stalwarts. They start the week smiling and end with big grins!

*Youth Category Winner 2019*

**Smash Life**



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For the last few years we have decided to acknowledge the hard work of our traders and have given the local people the opportunity to vote for their favourite.

Thankfully Ladies and Gentlemen, the good shoppers and visitors of the Market Hall are better at voting than that other place that seems to be in the news every day. When that voting box arrived back in the office, you'd have thought staff were working on the election count. So I'm feeling a bit like the returning officer for the Market Hall Constituency ready to declare the result of the election.



**Café Aleoli (THIRD)** – Café Aleoli offers that little bit of Spain right in the heart of Shrewsbury, where else would you go for your patatas bravas tortilla and meatballs in lovely surroundings, served by happy attentive staff. Felicitaciones go to Café Aleoli.



**Ewe & Ply (2<sup>nd</sup>)** - Whoever thinks knitting is the only domain of your granny is sadly wrong and research has shown that wool-related crafts are a very good way of enabling people to heal themselves or cope with illness or bereavement as well as to bring people together to reduce isolation. This is a wool haven where people can find everything wool orientated from 10g of Shetland fleece for felting to some really swanky silk yarn and everything in between.

## *Market Trader of the Year*

# The Card Stall



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**The Card Stall (First)** There are some stalls that have been around what seems like forever and the Card Stall is one of them. From cards to wrapping paper, calendars and diaries to part invites they are the place to go and the fact they were this years overwhelming winner shows how much the visitors to the Market Hall appreciate this Market Trader

# *Mayor's Special Awards*



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**Business, Built Heritage, Tourism, Environment, Community, Courtesy, Youth not to mention our Market Hall Champions – what more could there be?**

**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*

# *Ian Pritchard*



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**Ian Pritchard** – The Mayor has been keen to recognise those people who often go about their jobs unnoticed, but if it wasn't for them, we would notice. One such person is Ian Pritchard, the Castle Custodian. Mayors Past and Present regularly use the Castle for Afternoon Teas, Installation Ceremonies of Freemen and the starting venue for our very poignant Remembrance Day Parade. Ian is always there to help, tidy up after us and make sure that it has that magic you would expect from a castle of such prominence.

## *Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Judith & Stephen Williams*



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**Judith & Stephen Williams** – Behind every good Mayor, is a team of people who help to support his philanthropic endeavours and raise money for the charity he holds so dear. The Mayor's friendship with Judith and Stephen Williams goes back decades and he has greatly appreciated the support that the couple have given to making his Mayoral Year especially by helping to organise his fundraising activities but also supporting the charitable endeavours of many Shrewsbury Charities. In 2016 Judith was awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to the community and at the time she said it was for her dogged determination in fundraising for charities. That dogged determination raised in the region of £130k for Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

## *Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Keith Jones*



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**Keith Jones** – Now normally we take exception to people wandering through the streets of Shrewsbury brandishing a sword, but there is one person who can get away with it. In 1638 Charles I granted a charter allowing the Mayor to appoint a sword-bearer to attend upon him and not that I am saying Keith has been around since then, for the last 40 years he has carried our 17th Century Sword of State with the grandeur which reflects the distinguished Office at Events within our Civic Calendar. That sword which cost £24 2s in 1699 is priceless and mirrors the one carried by the Lord Mayor of London's Sword Bearer.

*Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Morris & Company*



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**Morris & Company** – With a strap line of "Honouring the Past - Embracing the Future" this family run business has been marking its 150th Anniversary this year. It all started in 1869 in a small black & white grocery shop in Frankwell where James Kent Morris set up his candle business. Five generations on, under the guardianship of Robin Morris it still follows that philosophy "To do the common thing uncommonly well brings success". You don't have to go far to see the impact the Morris family has on our town, but it is some of those more philanthropic endeavours like providing bursaries to students of the University Centre Shrewsbury and sponsoring the Shropshire Young Thinkers Competition inspiring others to follow in the footsteps of our famous father Charles Darwin.

## *Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Ryan Jervis*



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**Ryan Jervis** – Many may not recognise the name, but they will the voice for Ryan is better known as the Stadium Announcer at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, the Flower Show at the County Show. He is also a Trustee of Shrewsbury Town in the Community inspiring young people to take up the beautiful game. The Mayor has been highly appreciative of Ryan's role in the community. Unfortunately, Ryan is not able to be with us tonight but we will make sure his award gets to him.

## *Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Tony Bywater*



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**Tony Bywater** – Whilst Shrewsbury is a beautiful place, it always needs its champions to encourage others to visit, relocate, work in and generally enjoy. There is no bigger Champion of Shrewsbury than Tony Bywater and if you cut him in half he would have Shrewsbury running through him. From running the biggest caravan dealership in the region to his support of everything from Shrewsbury Town Football Club to Shrewsbury Cricket Club to Shrewsbury in Bloom he has a passion for detail and a desire to ensure people who visit our town have the very best experience possible.

## *Mayor's Special Awards*

# *Sir Algernon Heber-Percy*



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**Sir Algernon Heber-Percy** – Sir Algernon can trace his family links to the county for centuries so in the word of AE Houseman, he is a Shropshire Lad. He inherited Hodnet Hall, his ancestral home in 1966 and when he returned to Shropshire enrolled at Walford College in preparation for a career in farming. In 1996 he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire tasked with upholding the dignity of the Crown, encouraging and inspiring the voluntary sector, undertaking engagements and presenting medals on behalf of the sovereign, involving himself in the magistracy and the armed forces and by his side throughout has been his wife Lady Jane. On top of this he has been a huge supporter of the arts, of health and welfare and the conservation of nature and such organisations as Severn Hospice and the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund have greatly benefitted from his involvement. Earlier this year Sir Algernon reached that special birthday which meant he retired from the Lord Lieutenancy of Shropshire. This award is given to thank both Sir Algernon and Lady Jane for their unstinting support to Shrewsbury throughout their tenure of great office and we wish them a long and happy retirement.



The Mayor's search for the 2019 Super Community Heroes is over and congratulations to all who were nominated. Early in the New Year the New Mayor's search for the 2020 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.