

East Lindsey Community Awards 2011

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Winner

Billy Spence

Billy is Managing Director of Bongo Buddies a Young Enterprise company. He has excellent leadership skills and drive. Billy also volunteers in his spare time at the Mablethorpe Police Station, as a Special Constable, where he is valued for the work he does. Billy is also being trained to make younger people aware of dangerous websites.

Runners up

Lilly Garbutt

Lilly is ten years old and has recently completed the Fit Active Bodies health programme showing real determination and commitment. At the beginning of the sessions Lilly was low in confidence and self-esteem. Over the 12 week course she greatly improved and always put maximum effort into all the activities. Lilly has also been involved in helping to design the Small Steps 4 Life website to encourage a healthy lifestyle in schools leading up to the 2012 Olympics.

Alex Keyes

Alex is a valued member of Cordeaux School in Louth and contributes to school life in many ways from developing a diabetic support group to being elected as 'MP' in the school's 2010 Election. Alex has been involved in many foreign exchanges and has also been a representative at the EU mock Council in London. On top of all this Alex provides a great service as a lunchtime dining supervisor.

Green Award

Winner

Nigel Wright

Nigel is the Chairman of The Roads Resident's Association. He manages the community garden and allotment which has been a great success, with all produce going directly to the local community. Nigel is currently encouraging residents to grow their own produce and he is also an enthusiastic attendee of the Local Strategic Partnership Health and Wellbeing Theme Group. Nigel is a friendly face and is always there to support residents – from printing out bus timetables to helping maintain gardens.

Runners up

Jenny Davey

Jenny is part of Transition Town Horncastle. Her enthusiasm, energy and efforts have seen her obtain funding from Green Streets programme, which encourages energy efficiency at a local level. Jenny's work is helping residents to become more aware of climate change and the impact different lifestyle have on the environment.

Jill Maddocks

Jill set up Cordeaux Gardening Club and no matter what the weather, her dedicated group built raised beds and grew crops of salad, corn and beans. Jill has worked tirelessly to raise funds for the group to supply them with equipment and seeds.

Visual Arts Award

Winner

Helen Matthews

Being an artist herself, Helen is an inspiration and works tirelessly for the advancement of arts and culture in Mablethorpe. Helen is heavily involved in the Festival of Bathing Beauties and other similar community activities.

Runners up

Jessica Cotton

Jessica is only in her first year of secondary school and already produces artwork to a very a very high standard. Her work is unique and creative, often exceeding her teacher's expectations.

Sandy Newby and Alison Mckinnell

Sandy and Alison founded Louth Life Drawing Club several years ago to provide local people with a weekly session to expand their drawing and painting abilities. The Group has members of all ages and backgrounds who network and share their ideas and skills.

Sporting Achievement Award

Winner

Adam 'Rocky' Beniston

Adam recently won the European Kickboxing title, as well as the British Kickboxing title in two separate weight divisions. He has been made the head of the UK team for Karate and Tae Kwon Do, putting Mablethorpe on the map in the Martial Arts world. Adam also gives up much of his free time to coach local residents.

Runners up

Michelle Bruntlett

Michelle is the Captain of the Mollies Bar Netball Team in Louth. Since taking on the role she has secured funding creating numerous opportunities for the team. Michelle goes above and beyond what is asked of her in terms of accounting, managing sponsorship, organising kit and promotion the team. This has positioned the team well for the future.

Lauren West

Lauren is the British National Open Dressage Champion. She specialises in dressage, show jumping and cross country. Last year Lauren entered the British Riding Club's national eventing competition and achieved first place. Lauren is on the Lincolnshire Elite Athletic Programme and is a full time student. Lauren spends all her spare time training for horse riding competitions. Lauren already represents Great Britain at the European Rural Riders Championships.

Junior Sporting Achievement Award

Winner

Rocco D'Ambrosio

Rocco recently took the European title in Kickboxing and Tae Kwon Do. This was soon after he won the British title in Kickboxing and Tae Kwon Do. Rocco is only nine years old and already hopes to be a major star of the world of Martial Arts.

Runners up

Jake Foster

Jake regularly competes for both Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire Schools in athletics. Jake competes in a variety of sports from Shot Put to Pentathlon and has recently gained a place in the Lincolnshire Academy for sprints, jumps and throws.

Ashton Turner

Ashton, 14, plays golf, competing at District, County, Regional and National levels, often against people a lot older than him. Ashton has reduced his handicap in 2010 by two shots and now plays off a 0 (scratch) handicap.

Performing Arts Award

Winner

Moria Love

Moria has worked for many years with children and adults to put on plays to raise money for local charities. She gives her time freely and has helped nurture the confidence of many children by encouraging their natural talent to shine through.

Runners up

Smain Mokraine

Smain has starred in the title role of Cordeaux School's Summer production *Bugsy Malone*, performing to capacity audiences each night. He is also the principle cornet in the Market Rasen Brass Band, which recently performed in the National Youth Brass Band Championships in Harrogate.

Jade and Harley Speed

A brother and sister who through talent, ambition and determination are achieving their dreams. Jade helps with the Janice Sutton Theatre School. She has recently auditioned for a place in *Annie* at the Bloomsbury Theatre and got the title role! Harley has just finished a year at the West End appearing in *Oliver* at Drury Lane. The talented pair are a great credit to the world of performing arts.

New Business Award

Winner

Mooch, Skegness

Sammy and Jody Ling-Hall have shown confidence in Skegness and recognise the potential of the resort. They have breathed a new lease of life into Skegness since opening their shop on Lumley Road, Skegness.

Runners up

SMAK, Skegness

SMAK, opened by Grazina Pervenis; Janina Tamasauskiene and Simon Mcclelland offers original Polish food that can otherwise be hard to find. The team are always keen to talk through recipes and offer advice on how to prepare the food.

The Little Chocolatier, Louth

Tracey Cox brought artisan chocolate to Louth and the surrounding area when they opened The Little Chocolatier. They offer a touch of elegance and great gift ideas along with friendly staff who pride themselves in using the finest and freshest ingredients.

Boss of the Year Award

Winner

Paul Walden Club Manager of Louth Town Football Club

Paul joined Louth Town Football Club in 2008 and later took on the role of Club Manager. He has transformed the club both on and off the pitch to become one of the best amateur teams in the region, being crowned the Central Midlands Football League's 'Team of the Year'. Off the pitch Paul has taken the team to a new level and it is now classed as a Charter Standard Club going from one adult team to four plus one under 18s team.

Runners up

Ann Laverack of John Taylors

Ann started John Taylors auctioneers almost 30 years ago and although the antiques market has changed, she has endeavoured to keep John Taylors moving forward. Ann's enthusiasm for the arts and interior furnishings has been passed down to many people who have worked with her over the years and her contribution continues to shine through in the current John Taylors staff.

Ann Roberjot of Lowndes

Ann has been described as a boss in a million. Despite her tireless efforts to fundraise outside of her business, she always has time for her workers. Ann's compassion and generosity is always obvious. She always gives support whether it be personal or work related.

Customer Service Award

Winner

Wilson Sit

Wilson Sit of FPW Sit Chemist spends the majority of his day serving the community - long before and after normal opening hours. Wilson goes out in all weather conditions to deliver medication to young and old customers. Nothing is ever an inconvenience to him and he is always happy to help anyone he can. Wilson is a valued member of the community and Chapel St Leonards would be lost without him.

Paul Rush

Paul Rush is the driver of the Mablethorpe Sand Train. He is often asked for tourist information and queries are always answered in a cheerful, polite and friendly manner. Paul is a first class ambassador for our coast and makes a positive contribution to the local community enabling holiday makers to relax and enjoy their visit.

Lesley and Paul Roberts

The Husband and Wife Team began as volunteers through St. John Ambulance and subsequently Steadfast first aid at the Embassy Theatre in 2005, both becoming very well known characters due to their enthusiasm, conscientious, awareness and excellent customer service.

Volunteer Award

Winner

Darren Hobson

Darren is a volunteer Flood Warden in Louth and also a teacher in the town. Despite his busy schedule, he actively recruits people for the Environment Agency's Flood Warning Service, helps people prepare for flooding, maintains a Flood Warden Facebook page and has already ensured the completion of the Louth Flood Plan.

Runners up

Linda Wilson- Hall

Linda excels in providing members of the community with opportunities to socialise and learn new skills. The Craft Club meets weekly and members have sold their wares at several local markets. Alongside this Linda also supports the Louth based Warhammer Club to help young people as well as being the Treasurer for Monks' Park Residents' Association.

Paul Marshall

Paul is a familiar face around Skegness and is always striving for good things for the area. Much of Paul's spare time is spent volunteering at events and he is an active member of the community. Paul's efforts were recently seen during both the SEAS Festival and the SO Festival 2010 when he volunteered on both events. Paul has also played an important role in helping to keep our coastal footpaths sand free.

Community Business Partnership Award

Winner

Alan Smith

Alan manages Skegness Skills Academy, Louth Learning Centre and Mablethorpe Learning Centre for the Grimsby Institute. Over the last few years his team has worked hard to promote IT and internet use within the community. Alan has secured funding and provided workshops to many different community groups.

Runners up

Adie Harrison

Adie is a craft maker who produces items from re-claimed objects. Adie founded The Green Craft Company. The company trades at many local markets, promoting environmental awareness to the local community and encouraging people to reclaim and reuse.

Skegness Town Centre Partnership

The Town Centre Partnership has worked hard to get coastal access for all, leading to Sea View Walk being reopened after seven years. The Partnership has also employed eight young people as Ambassadors to tackle environmental crime in the town. December 2010 saw the Partnership create a successful Winter Festival to help improve the winter economy.

Target Readers' Community Award

Winner

Bernard Dobbs

A former Mayor of the town, Bernard has been involved with many community projects, including Mablethorpe Seal Sanctuary and support shop, the Lifeboat Station, the Meridale Centre at Sutton on Sea and also the Trusthorpe pantomime.

Runners up

Stephen Turner

For many years Stephen has been employed by East Lindsey District Council as a Street Cleaner and has been nominated for being "meticulous and thorough" in his work. Conscientious and hardworking, Stephen is said to go to "great lengths" to remove litter from the town.

Jenny Davey

For the past 14 months, Jenny has worked tirelessly on the Green Babies and Toddler project as a member of Transition Town Horncastle. Jenny put forward a project which won the Eastern Regional award in the British Gas Green Streets competition and received £140,000 of funding for energy saving measures in the community. Jenny has worked closely with the 22 families and four community buildings involved in the project. Her efforts have been described as "truly amazing".

East Lindsey Community Champion

Nigel Wright – Winner of the Green Award

