



East Lindsey Community Awards

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East Lindsey District Council and the South East Target Series are proud to hold their first annual Community Awards evening. After weeks of searching, tonight is an opportunity to recognise those unsung community heroes in our District who have made a difference to the area where they live and the lives of local people. Each award is sponsored by a local business and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support.

The judging panel was the Leader of East Lindsey District Council, Councillor Doreen Stephenson; Community Editor at the Target Newspaper Group, Marie Williamson; Cannon, Stephen Holdaway; and Resort Director at Butlins, Chris Baron.

Film clips for the evening have been produced by Alan Woodhead of Channel Lincolnshire.



Young Citizen of the Year Award

For every young person who hits the headlines for the wrong reasons there are scores more who are doing great work in their community. The Award sponsor for this category is First College, which provides high-quality training and national qualifications to help young people develop their careers and improve their skills. The College also offers independent information and advice to people of all ages.

Nominees

**Chris
Dyson**

Chris has gone from being a member of Skegness Youth Centre to helping out and giving others the benefit of his expertise.

**Billy
Billings**

Seven year old Billy was recently involved in a serious accident when a car hit him while he was on a cycle. He nearly died and was cared for at Nottingham's Queen's Medical centre. Since then he has raised a lot of money for the hospital – including donating his birthday money.

**Steve
Burnett**

Minster School pupil Steve is 15. Each week he undertakes a 14 mile round trip to attend Cadets where he has come out of his shell and excelled. He is also an explorer schot and working towards his DoE award. Last year he travelled to Romania for 10 days top help re-build a community centre in a deprived town as part of a school project.



Green Award

Those nominated in this award are individuals, groups or businesses which have made a difference to the environment. The Award sponsor, Waste Savers International, is a modern textile recycling company and exporter of high quality second hand clothing, shoes and household goods.

Nominees

Seagull Recycling	The company exists to provide services and training to the community and voluntary sector via environmental, sustainability and recycling/refuse activities, job skills and training.
Renew	Renew is a project run in Louth which is a furniture recycling charity supplying furniture to those in need at affordable prices. It also diverts items from landfill such as furniture and bedding.
Balcan Engineering	Balcan's products help companies act responsibly and create a better future for future generations. They are committed to sustainable development.



Sporting Achievement Award

Representatives of sporting organisations were nominated for their achievements. The Award sponsor is the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership, which is a non profit company set up to enable Councils, Sports Governing Bodies and Schools to work together. The Partnership's aim is to improve sporting opportunities and activities across the country.

Nominees

Bernice Wilson At the Aviva International Match in Glasgow Bernice finished second in the 60m sprint behind the fastest woman in the world, pushing Bernice to number 1 in Great Britain and 12th in the world. She has finished in the top two in every race in the last year.

Mablethorpe Marathon Committee This event was cancelled in 2009 and the committee folded. Since then this new committee has been formed by local volunteers who will hold the event from 2010 onwards. It is to be the only affiliated marathon in Lincolnshire.

James Brook James has a huge passion for basketball and this year set up Louth Storm Basketball Club, Louth's first ever affiliated basketball club. He has given up his spare time to support the club from scratch, secure a venue, sponsorship, team kit and strong squad.



Junior Sporting Achievement Award

The same criteria applies as the Sporting Achievement Award, but those nominated must be aged 18 or under on the date of the awards ceremony (13th March). As with the Sporting Achievement Award, this Award is sponsored by the Lincolnshire Sports partnership which offers occupational areas NVQs up to level five.

Nominees

Ross Alexander Brown	Monks Dyke pupil Ross plays football for Louth Old Boys' U14 team and is their captain. He has many medals and trophies including both manager's player of the year and players' player of the year. The all round sportsman is also talented in tennis, badminton, basketball and table tennis.
Robert York	Hailed as the Royal Yachting Association's best young windsurfing talent, Robert has dedicated his time to the sport. This year he became British Junior Champion.
Dominic Price	Sixteen year old Horncastle Grammar School pupil Dominic took up squash aged eight and within 12 months was competing in local tournaments. In the last 6 years he has competed and won at county level. He holds the county U17 and U19 titles and is joint third in the men's county championship.





Visual Arts Award

Nominees in this category are people whose skills lie in the field of painting, pottery, photography, textiles, graphic design or any creative art form. The Award is sponsored by Channel Lincolnshire, which is on track to become the most used video source for community, sport, arts and business support in the County.

Nominees

Janet Hawson Janet is chairman of the Gatherums and Springside project. She has dedicated her spare time to successfully completing an art trail around Louth which has become a real talking point in the town among all members of the community.

Ash Buckingham Horncastle based artist Ash paints in watercolour, pastel, acrylic, ink and charcoal. He also presents a successful painting series, Ash Buckingham Paints in Lincolnshire, on cable TV. Ash also finds time to run painting classes in the day time, evenings, and as painting weekends and holidays with wife Polly.

John Byford Local photographer John Byford works closely with all members of the community. He not only observes his surroundings, he also interacts with the people and surroundings to ensure his creative photography encompasses something of himself as well as the subject matter. He has recently staged two successful exhibitions of his work, one in Skegness as part of the SEAS festival and another in Lincoln.

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Performing Arts Award

This Award recognises those who have done something special in music, dance or drama. The Embassy Theatre, Skegness, sponsors this Award. The Theatre is at the heart of the town's entertainment and has a wide range of facilities available to hire for events, ranging from conferences to exhibitions and private functions to dance classes.

Nominees

Alex Wilson Talented musician Alex has passed his grade seven piano exam gaining the highest marks of any student in the country despite being just 12 years old. His success meant he was also awarded the coveted Sheila Mossman prize.

Lizzie Vickers Teacher Lizzie Vickers worked her way up from a teaching assistant to performing arts teacher at the John Spendluffe College. As well as being a talented performer herself she also inspires her students to follow the path of performing arts.

Elliott Morris Elliott is a good example of home grown talent. As well as playing the guitar himself at local gigs he also teaches other youngsters how to play the guitar. He spends a lot of time in the recording studio as well as performing at local events such as the Mablethorpe Switch-On and the SO festival on Skegness beach.



New Business Award

This Award recognises new businesses, opened within the last two years. The award is sponsored by the Fairfield Enterprise Centre, which is a business incubator located on Louth's Fairfield Industrial Estate, designed to engage with and facilitate growth in new and innovative businesses in the District. It provides new modern offices at an affordable cost.

Nominees

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| Melanie's Restaurant | Launched just over two years ago, everything from the bread to ice cream is made on the premises with local produce. The restaurant has been highly commended by Tastes of Lincolnshire. |
| Paul Clark of PCR Commercial Bodyworks | After being made redundant in March last year Paul had the courage and confidence to set up his own commercial bodyworks business from scratch. He now works seven days a week to build up contacts all over Lincolnshire and ensure his new business is a success. He hopes to be able to take on staff this year to expand the business. |
| Rich Pastures Dairy Farm | The business has been running for 18 months and during this time production has increased from zero to 3,000+ litres per week. The 240 Friesian cows are milked twice a day and milk production carried out three times a week creating milk and cream. |





Boss of the Year Award

This Award is dedicated to someone who makes going to work a pleasure rather than a chore. The Award is sponsored by Butlins, which has been entertaining families at costal locations for more than seventy years. Its philosophy remains constant- to ensure families have a memorable and fun filled holiday with brilliant activities, all included in one price.

Nominees

**Sandi
Adams**

Staff at New Look, Skegness, see Sandi as much more than boss, she is their friend too. She is always ready to listen to staff and offer a shoulder to cry on or a listening ear. She is more than just a boss, she is a friend too. No problem is too small or too big and she will always be there to support her staff.

Liz Peat

Charity worker Liz has been praised by her staff for her work supporting her staff while taking on her own demanding job. The person who nominated her said she is 'a lovely lady and a great boss, one we can get on with and respect greatly'. No matter how busy she is, Liz is always there for her staff.

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Customer Service Award

This award highlights those people who give that little bit extra when helping members of the public. A Receptionist, Shop Assistant, Taxi Driver, Bank Clerk- anyone who provides face-to-face contact with customers and who makes life that little bit easier. This award is sponsored by Lincolnshire Regional College, which brings the coastal region exciting options in learning at all levels. The College offers a variety of courses and options to build towards a bright future.

Nominees

Wright's Newsagent, Louth	Wright's provide a friendly and welcoming environment while also offering a wide range of products including specialising in local history books, if they don't have what you want in stock they will happily order anything in.
Linkage Community Trust	Linkage is a registered charity which provides high quality education, care and employment services to enable people with learning difficulties and other disabilities, to realise their full potential. Their customer service is outstanding.
Melanie's Restaurant	Launched just over two years ago, everything from the bread to ice cream is made on the premises with local produce. The restaurant has been highly commended by Tastes of Lincolnshire.





Volunteer Award

Nominees for this Award are people who put in hours of effort for nothing more than love for their job, anyone who volunteers their time and skills for the benefit of others. The award sponsor is Voluntary Action East Lindsey (VAEL) which is an umbrella body, a voluntary sector infrastructure organisation which provides a range of support.

Nominees

Stuart Holmes On returning to Woodhall Spa after being made redundant he has spent many hours working in the village and the woods picking up litter, tending to overgrown shrubs and planting new bulbs around the War Memorial at his own expense. He has also spent numerous hours in St Andrew's Church Yard, uncovering many graves lost in the brambles and ivy. Among these graves were many War Graves which have now been taken on by the Royal British Legion. He has also cleared and swept the footpaths through the churchyard.

Dennis Joice Nominated for his unstinting work in the community, including making Christmas scenery for St Mary's Church and its production sand events, runs dances raising money for charity, treasurer of the Old Fossils Gentleman's Club in Sutton-on-Sea organising various events to support local charities, member of the Friends of Marisco – a voluntary group based at the doctors' surgery which runs events for patients, helps out at St Mary's Messy Church – a club for young children and generally being there for any member of the community in anyway they need him. His only fault is that sometimes he takes on too much.

Kirsty Raywood Kirsty is a mum of three who works full time for the LIVES charity in Horncastle. She also volunteers as a first responder for the charity during the week, evenings and weekends and also undertakes vital training out of work hours. At the same time she looks after her children and the day to day running of her home. She does all this while singlehandedly looking after her young family while her husband is posted in Afghanistan with the RAF.



Community Business Partnership Award

This category recognises local businesses that make an important ongoing contribution to the life of people in the community. East Lindsey Local Strategic Partnership is the sponsor this award. The Partnership brings together the public, private, community and voluntary organisations to greatly improve the quality of life for the residents of East Lindsey.

Nominees

Lowndes, Skegness	Lowndes regularly supports charities such as Macmillan Cancer Care through charity events in store and also an annual bike ride.
Louth Interskill	Louth Interskill allows people with learning difficulties to make a difference in their community by undertaking projects such as clearing paths at Hubbards Hills and making items such as sheds, benches and bird tables out of recycled wood.
Spilsby Business Partnership	The partnership has donated money to buy barrier flower baskets to enhance the town and also created the Love Spilsby loyalty scheme improving the town for the whole community.





Target Readers' Community Award

This Award is voted by the readers of the Target Newspaper, the award is open to anyone who has made a difference to their community in anyway, large or small. The award sponsor, The Target, aims to be at the heart of all the communities which it serves. It believes passionately that those people who make a difference to other people's lives, no matter how small this contribution may be, should be recognised for what they do.

Nominees

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| Debbie Prince | Charitable efforts including a sponsored charity jump and running the London Marathon for local good causes have earned Debbie Prince a her nomination. As neighbourhood projects officer for the Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea Management Team she has also undertaken projects to benefit all members of the community from children to the elderly. She has been described as 'worth her weight in gold'. |
| David Lyall | One-man fundraising operation has earned David Lyall a nomination for the Readers' Community Award. David devises quizzes in aid of the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. He hand delivers these to pubs and shops across Lincolnshire. He is also a community voluntary car driver. |
| Malcolm Blanchard | Parkinson's disease sufferer Malcolm Blanchard has been nominated for his charitable work including arranging Remembrance Days and raffles for the Tattershall Village Hall committee. He fits all if this in around caring for his elderly mother and helping others in the village. He also finds time to attend calligraphy classes at night school. |



East Lindsey Community Champion

This Award is for the overall winner of the evening, the Community Champion is a resident who is dedicated and passionate about what they believe in. The award is sponsored by East Lindsey District Council.

Nominees

To be announced on the evening.



