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WELCOME

Being a volunteer and being a good neighbour has never been more important. The pandemic brought people and communities together and it absolutely showed what we always knew, volunteers have a vital role to play in supporting strong communities. Volunteers do so much, without them life would be much harder for many people in our communities.



Kim Harper CEO at Community Action Derby

Contributions are formal and informal - ranging from popping out a neighbour's bin to running an organisation as a trustee. They are all important roles and make a huge difference.

Here at Community Action Derby, volunteering has always been central to what we do and we know just how important you are. We don't celebrate volunteers enough, so we wanted to say thank you – thank you for being you, for caring and supporting others in your community. We all know that we get so much back as volunteers, learning new skills, making new friends, and perhaps feeling less lonely ourselves, so tonight's Derby Volunteer Awards aims to celebrate and shout about volunteering.

You are brilliant!



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Order of the Night

6.00 - 6.30pm	Guests arrive
6.35pm	Opening video
6.45pm	Welcome and housekeeping
7.00pm	Presentation of 4 awards • Youth Work • Young Volunteer • Young Volunteer • Sporting
7.20pm	Break and buffet
8.00pm	Presentation of 7 awards • Mental Health and Addiction • Crisis Support • Inclusion • Overcoming Barriers • Community Champion • Good Neighbour • Unsung Hero
8.40pm	Break
9.00pm	Presentation of 3 awards • Arts, Culture and Heritage • Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise • Grassroots and Innovation
9.15pm	Presentation of 1 award • Lifetime Achievement
9.25 - 10.00pm	Closing remarks

About Community Action Derby and Derby Homes

Community Action Derby

Established as Derby Council for Voluntary Service in the mid 70's, CA is an independent, member led infrastructure organisation. CA now operates over two sites based within the heart of its community, in Normanton and via a shared office resource in Derby City centre. The organisation has over 850 member organisations and provides support services to the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Derby and surrounding areas. It has continued to provide support to the sector, which is in turn at the heart of supporting stronger communities in Derby.



Celebrating 20 years!



Derby Homes was one of England's first four Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs), incorporated on 25 February 2002, at the very start of the 'ALMO movement'.

This was the culmination of a range of radical changes in the way council housing was regulated.

The not-for-profit organisation now provides a range of services beyond their original purpose, including Housing Options and Homeless Services, as well as housing services on behalf of Derby City Council.



Last year, a new 10-year agreement was signed with Derby City Council concluding that 'the ALMO continues to perform highly, combining good services for tenants and leaseholders whilst offering value for money'.

Volunteer Centre Derby and Volunteers' Week

Derby Volunteer Centre was established in 1992 to help support voluntary organisations and those wanting to volunteer. The Volunteer Centre provides support at a local level for individual volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations. It is VCQA accredited, which is the quality mark for Volunteer Centres, and provides assurance that the Centre is providing a high quality and effective service.



VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

A time to say thanks

Volunteers' Week began in 1974 and is now an annual celebration of the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. It is known that volunteers form the heart of communities; this fact has never been more evident than during the last couple of years. The volunteer response to the COVID pandemic has been astronomical, with people from all walks of life coming together to support the people of Derby. On this 38th annual Volunteers' Week we want to thank all volunteers and voluntary organisations for their ongoing dedication. For more information on Volunteers' Week, visit: www.volunteersweek.org

Categories and Winners



Youth Work Award

Natasha Cover has been nominated for this award for her continued work with the youth of Derby. One such example of Natasha's dedication, was her work with a young person with autism who was on the verge of entering the justice system and had refused education. This young person was physically and verbally abusive to their workers, but Natasha worked tirelessly to mentor the young person through their issues, getting them back into education and to a place where they were no longer known to the police. All whilst supporting the young person's terminally ill mum.



Young Volunteer Award

Hasnain Ashraf (17) has shown dedication to supporting a variety of voluntary projects for his community. During the pandemic, Hasnain played a pivotal role in supporting and leading food bank activities. Hasnain gives the majority of his free time to coming up with new ways of helping his community. He has also completed a Sport Activator course and Peer Mentor training so he can volunteer further, helping with the HAF programme and supporting young people with their GCSE's, homework and goals.



Young Volunteer Award

Aaron Payne (17) started as a mentee at Enthusiasm. Today, Aaron will give at least three evenings a week to work with young people, running football training sessions with Derby County Community Trust, helping at the youth club and speaking on the city's Youth Voice Board as a representative of the young people in his community. He is now training other volunteers to become mentors themselves and is proactive in creating a better future for his fellow youths. "We couldn't manage without him".

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Sporting Award

Warren Muir managed to take an idea, born out of a need to occupy teenagers during the pandemic, into a successful team in the space of 18 months. Redwood Colts started in the Derby City League Under 13's division and are now champions in their first season. The club offers top quality coaching and mentoring to youngsters. Warren has shown vision, desire and will during adversity, along with being a role model to a group of young men from diverse backgrounds. Parents have reported that their children's behaviour has improved since joining the club.



Mental Health and Addiction Award

Sarah Eley has created an innovative technique of using the arts to help those with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) manage their lives. Through exhibitions, Sarah has helped those with BPD alleviate their sense of loneliness and to see that they're not alone and are more than their BPD. This is particularly significant for those with a mental health disorder that is heavily stigmatised within society; Sarah shows us we are human.



Crisis Support Award

Earl Richards has made an overwhelming difference to Derby's struggling families. Earl started Audrey's Charity four years ago as a homage to his mum. Through this charity Earl, and his two volunteers, have provided Christmas presents, Easter eggs and food deliveries for those in need, often provided for out of Earl's own pocket. Earl is well known within his community for always going above and beyond to help them whenever they need it.

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Inclusion Award

Adanna Uzoma supports education programmes at Headway Derby. She volunteers her time to help the brain injury community understand and learn about inclusivity. Using her own feelings of exclusion due to the colour of her skin, Adanna strives to ensure others don't feel the same way. Learners supported by Adanna have been able to achieve qualifications, build confidence and find work despite the barriers they may face.



Overcoming Barriers Award

James Palfreyman has faced many challenges due to his autism, despite this, James has pushed himself beyond attending sessions, to volunteering his time to assist with these sessions, particularly the SEND classes, as well as helping with events. James has completed a Young Leaders Award and Sport Award, which is a massive achievement for him. James supports and encourages others to overcome their own barriers and is a great inspiration to many.



Community Champion Award

Bev Stewart, co-founder of Open Doors Forum (ODF), has served her community for over 30 years, supporting children, young people and families and putting on many community events including family BBQ's & sport fun days, youth residentials, black tie balls, Windrush dinners, Black Table talks, coffee mornings for the elders and fundraising for disasters such as Haiti (to name a few!) She was a SEN school governor for over 7 years, has sat on numerous boards, supported many local groups and was co-author of the BLM Manifesto.

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Good Neighbour Award

Matt Jones became a Good Neighbour during the pandemic and since then has helped many people in need with odd jobs and shopping. He has been dependable, flexible and willing to help with anything. During the last 2 years, Matt has helped one person in particular, visiting every week on his pushbike to collect their rubbish and put their bins out - something they couldn't do on their own. Matt has become their friend and they want to recognise the positive impact he has had on their life.



Unsung Hero Award

Michael Wragg has volunteered at the Enabled Centre for 7 years, helping members to work on a variety of projects, encouraging independence and enhancing their skills, as well as supporting them to overcome barriers such as disabilities and achieve their goals. Mike brings a great deal to the members with his kindness, passion and patience and improves their confidence, self-esteem, and wellbeing. He enriches the experience of the Enabled Centre for all of the members and staff.



Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Award

Enthusiasm has supported thousands of Derby's hardest-to-reach children over the last 30 years. Alongside mentoring, Enthusiasm offers children sporting activities, cookery classes, homework clubs and much more. A weekly reading and writing club, run with help from students at Derby College, is being used by Traveller children who were keen to learn how to write their own name. Enthusiasm has helped build self-esteem and confidence and raised aspirations individually and in the community it serves.

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Arts, Culture and Heritage Award

The Derby Sikh Museum was made possible through the continued hard work and dedication of Ragbir Singh Taggar and his 15 volunteers. It is the only one of its kind in Britain and has put Derby on the Sikh tourism map. Through small grants and years of voluntary effort, the museum has grown from a couple of disused halls to the museum and gallery you see now. A memorial commemorating Sikh soldiers from WWI is also being built on site. Over the years the Sikh Museum has welcomed thousands of visitors as well as a few famous faces.



Grassroots and Innovation Award

Down to Earth Derby is a truly innovative organisation that is seeking to revolutionise Derby's urban environment through nature-based regeneration. Since starting in May 2021, their achievements have included planting over 1,000 trees in Chellaston and Alvaston, running workshop events at their allotment, working with the team behind the Eden Project in Cornwall to develop concepts for a huge new city centre wetland, a roof top garden at the Cock Pit, an innovative new urban farm at Riverlights and a secret garden bar at the end of Bold Lane.



Lifetime Achievement Award

Joginder Bains has been a vocal campaigner for social issues for over 60 years, working against oppression of any kind, with specific work against dowry oppression. During the COVID lockdowns, Joginder led fundraisers for PPE for front line workers at our local hospitals and hospices, as well as organising food deliveries for the vulnerable. Joginder is now nurturing our future activists to carry on her good work.



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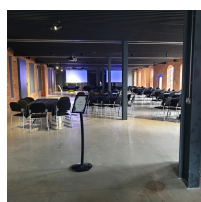


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