

Community honours heroes at Star Awards ceremony

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Some of Daventry's most treasured unsung heroes and community projects were celebrated on Wednesday December 10 at the third annual Star Awards.

The awards, which are run by Daventry and District Housing (DDH), recognise the exceptional contribution of local residents within the Daventry district.

First launched in 2012, the event features six categories that highlight the achievements of young people, volunteers and good neighbours.

The awards also crowned the DDH Tenant of the Year and celebrated the achievements of the DDH Youth Board.

Over 100 guests, including MP for Daventry Chris Heaton-Harris attended the ceremony at the Daventry Court Hotel, hosted by BBC Radio Northamptonshire present-

er Martin Heath.

A panel of judges, made up of representatives from DDH, Lovell, the Daventry Express, Cummins, the Daventry Volunteer Centre, Daventry District Council and Mayor of Daventry Cllr Ron Fox, shortlisted the finalists and selected the winners.

Continuing the community spirit, a raffle held on the night also saw £360 raised for the Friends of Danetre Hospital.

DDH resident involvement officer, Caroline Godsell, said: "The 2014 Star Awards were a great success and it was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming together to celebrate their achievements."

"All of the nominations were of an extremely high standard which emphasises the quality of the individuals who volunteer within the area. Their dedication and passion is inspirational and it was fantastic to be able to showcase their stories at this event."

"As an organisation we place great value on our local communities and the Star Awards provide the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the work and enthusiasm of the individuals and groups that make such a positive difference in the Daventry district."

Launched in 2007, Daventry and District Housing owns and manages around 3,100 homes in the Daventry area. It has launched a five-year, £43 million improvement programme aiming to raise the standard of affordable housing across the district.

The Winners

Clockwise from top left,

- Community Project of the Year: DACT (Daventry Area Community Transport)
- Good Neighbour of the Year: Sandra Warner
- Don Bouckley Young Person of the Year: Collette Smith
- Evelyn Bristow Volunteer of the Year: Mark Bickerstaff
- Environmental Project of the Year: Cold Ashby Playground
- DDH Tenant of the Year: Eileen Roberts

