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SEARCH IS ON FOR THE MAYOR'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Do you know someone who gives up their time voluntarily to make a magnificent contribution to their community? Why not nominate them for one of the seven categories in the brand new Mayor of Hyndburn's Awards 2011 and show the whole of Hyndburn how much they are appreciated.

Launching the awards, The Mayor Cllr Colette McCormack, said; "the Mayor of Hyndburn's Awards are a partnership between the Council, the Observer and Hyndburn Community Network which will acknowledge outstanding people and organisations who, through their commitment to participating in unpaid community, voluntary and faith activities have made a massive impact on the lives of people in their communities.

Cllr McCormack continued; "We have so many people who really are the backbone of our communities who give up their time and energy to make such a difference and the Mayor of Hyndburn's Awards will recognise them and the wonderful work they do. We want to know who are your magnificent seven, so please nominate them and show your appreciation."

Peter Shaw, Chairman, Hyndburn Community Network said, "This is an ideal opportunity for us to showcase the work of hardworking individuals and their organisations. Many organisations have had recent funding cuts and this is a way to celebrate the key role voluntary, community and faith groups play in providing much needed services in the borough and to reward volunteers."

Nominations are invited from people and organisations in Hyndburn for individuals or organisations who are involved in voluntary, community and faith activity in areas such as the following:

Arts, Culture & Leisure, Environment, Conservation and Heritage, Neighbourhood & Residents Groups, Social & Community Support, Sports and Recreation, Children and Youth groups and Faith organisations.

Nomination forms will be available from the Mayor's Office, by calling 388111. You can also pick up an entry form from Hyndburn Community Network; Accrington Town Hall; Scaitcliffe House and the Accrington Observer office in Unit 3 at Accrington Market Hall. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the organisers' websites, closing date 28th October. Please return all forms to the Mayor's Office, Hyndburn Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod St Accrington BB5 0PF or drop off at any of the places where you picked up the form.

The judging panel, made up of the Mayor Cllr Colette McCormack, Barbara Sharples, Network Manager, Hyndburn Community Network and Gareth Tidman, Accrington Observer Editor, will meet at the end of October to decide on the finalists who will be invited to an awards evening at Accrington Town Hall at the end of November where the winners will be revealed.

Categories:

Young Volunteer of the Year

A young person (aged 11-19) who has demonstrated commitment and contribution in a voluntary capacity in Hyndburn.

Volunteer of the Year – Sponsored by Oswaldtwistle Mills

A person over 20 years of age who can demonstrate significant commitment and contribution in a voluntary capacity within Hyndburn.

Community Organisation of the Year – Sponsored by the Accrington Observer

An organisation which has shown significant achievement and development since their inauguration. It will take into account youth-based organisations, residents groups, new and emerging organisations and long standing organisations.

Environmental project of the year

An individual or organisation which has made significant contribution to making Hyndburn a cleaner and greener place in which to live, work or visit.

Fundraiser of the year

A person who has demonstrated significant commitment and achievement in raising funds for a Hyndburn charity or voluntary, community or faith group.

Sports and Recreation Project of the Year – Sponsored by Accrington Stanley.

An individual or organisation who has demonstrated success in establishing and maintaining a sports and recreation project which has positively impacted on their community.

The Mayor's Special Lifetime Achievement Award - Sponsored by the Mayor's Office

A person who has shown dedication to empowering and developing their community through years of dedication and commitment. This person will have gone above and beyond their role to achieve a high level of success in their area.

Gareth Tidman, Accrington Observer Editor said,”

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