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Community Contributor Christine Stockwell (Therapy Gardening Club)



Volunteer Champion Mo Rice with mayor Suzanne Adamantos



Lifetime Achievement Award winner Sue Dobinson

Civic awards recognise community champions

Winners announced at Town Meeting; all are improving life in Thatcham

THATCHAM Town Council rewarded its most outstanding members of the community at its Annual Town Meeting last Thursday evening.

Each year, the council seeks nominations from members of the public for individuals, organisations and businesses who have demonstrated outstanding service or significantly contributed to improving public life in Thatcham.

A panel of councillors met on April 1 and the winners were announced last week as follows:

Sue Dobinson was selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award for her 40 years of

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volunteering with Girl Guiding.

Georgia Tully was presented the award for Inspiring Young Person for her work raising funds for Bliss, a charity for babies born premature or sick.

This year's committee also recognised two winners for the Community Contributor Award.

The Therapy Gardening Group was selected as winner for the group/organisation category.

And Helen Randall was selected as the individual winner for her 10 years of service with the children's disability charity PALS, and for her dedication to guides and volunteer work beyond her duties.

Charmaine Buckley from Factors salon was unanimously selected as Environmental Champion.

The committee praised her zero waste policy and recycling of hair clippings.

And Mo Rice was chosen as Volunteer Champion as the longest-serving RSPCA charity shop volunteer in the district, with 14 years of service under her belt.

Nominations for next year's awards will open in January 2026.

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Environmental Champion Charmaine Buckley



Pupils at Kintbury St Mary's Primary School at the VE Day party Ref: 20-0225I



Ref: 20-0225C

Kintbury pupils remember

LEST we forget...

Pupils at Kintbury St Mary's Primary School marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day with an afternoon tea party.

The children dressed in their finest red, white, and blue, to enjoy tea, cake, and ice creams in the spring sunshine.

The age of the guests ranged from two years to Joan Sadler's impressive 101 years.

Pupils also created a memory board featuring family photographs and memories from the war.



Ref: 20-0225F



Ref: 20-0225Q



101-year-old Joan Sadler with the youngest pupil at Kintbury primary school Ref: 20-0225N



Ref: 20-0225B



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