

Volunteer of the year

The parish council would like to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of someone who over the last 28 years, has without any fuss or bother, been quietly organising and helping others, and has become an integral part of our village.

Our Volunteer of the year has put hours of their time and their energy into organizing and managing the weekly coffee and lunch clubs which offer a chance for a meet up and chat and something nice to eat, but also serve as a vital resource in our community, helping to combat loneliness and providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

Their dedication and hard work are evident in applying for grants and funding, ensuring the clubs continue to thrive, and we are delighted to hear that they have recently secured another grant, guaranteeing the ongoing success of these essential services.

Our winners' contributions do not end there. They have made a significant impact on the younger members of our parish through the annual Pamper Party, and on the local homeless community and their pets by organizing the collection and distribution of some 120 shoeboxes last year, and being a central point for dog charity collections in our area.

Being creative also sees them organizing a local craft fair in the village, with all profits being *donated* to cancer research.

It is with great pleasure that we present the Volunteer of the year award to Julie Williams. Julie, thank you for your dedication and hard work. You have made our village a better place, and we are honored to have you as a part of our community. Congratulations!