

# WHEATLEY PARISH COUNCIL– FULL COUNCIL 04.07.2022

## ITEM 52–CELEBRATING WHEATLEY VOLUNTEERS

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<b>Strategic Goal:</b>	1. To continue to support the village so it becomes a vibrant and sustainable community for everyone
<b>Strategic Aim:</b>	1.3 Support local organisations and voluntary groups and work with them to deliver this strategy
<b>Legislation:</b>	Local Government Act 1972 s145 (1)(a)
<b>Summary:</b>	Details on event to celebrate volunteers in the village and recommendation to approve an event.

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### Background

The village of Wheatley continues to be vibrant place to live and work, with many groups and organisations that support the community. Nearly all of these are coordinated by individuals who give their time, as volunteers, to improve the lives and opportunities of others. Others selflessly aid those in need, as demonstrated during the recent pandemic. This event would be an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work that these valuable members of the community give to the village.

### 1. Categories Event

It is proposed that five categories would be promoted

- Young volunteer
- Unsung hero
- Long standing association to a charity/support group
- Supporter of village green spaces
- Neighbour of the year

The initiative would be promoted through normal communication channels and nominations sought from the community over the summer period (potential deadline 31<sup>st</sup> August).

Nominations would be considered by members of the parish council and potentially other community representatives (Vicar, SODC/OCC Cllrs).

Event would be delivered by a small working group, with delegated powers within the remit of this report/approval at meeting.

### 2. Event

All nominees, plus one guest invited to event. Additional guest could purchase tickets for the event, if space allowed. A guest speaker/award presenter could be sought.

Hire of local hall for the event, potentially looking at the New Club, for an evening event (16<sup>th</sup> September or 7<sup>th</sup> October).

Welcome drink and canapes offered. Further drinks could be purchased by attendees from the bar.

Presentation of awards made. Certificates presented to all nominees, with those chosen as category winners presented with a framed certificate or [trophy](#).

### 3. Budget

A budget of £700 is being suggested, to cover the costs of the event, with a tolerance of 10%. This would be from existing community event budget.