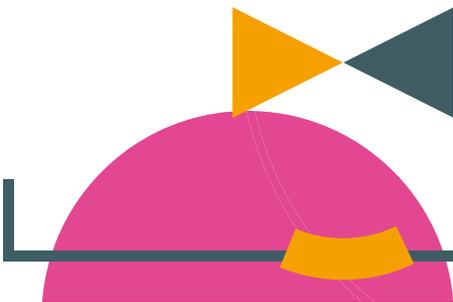




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# TIME 2 VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2024



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## Introduction

Volunteers are the heartbeats of every thriving charity, voluntary organisation and wider community. They give their time, dedication, and talents for the collective good, creating waves of positive change.

The Time2Volunteer Awards provides an opportunity to shine a light on and say thank you to some incredible people who are with us today. As well as recognising and celebrating the wider role and contribution of all volunteers supporting communities across the Humber region.

The Awards would not be possible without our committed Event

Partners and Award Sponsors who like us, understand the importance of recognising and thanking those who give their time to help others.

The judging panel, made up of both Partners and Sponsors, once again had the incredibly difficult task of finding this year's winners. Scoring was extremely close. Everyone in this room and indeed all the nominees deserve huge congratulations.

Please join us in celebrating each other, the worthy winners, and the difference volunteering makes at today's Time2Volunteer Awards, brought to you by HEY Smile Foundation and Partners.

## Thank you

Thank you to our Event Partners, Hull CVS, Madl, East Riding of Yorkshire Council & Hull City Council and to all our Award Sponsors. Without their continued investment, this special celebratory event would not happen.

An even bigger thank you to the volunteers for their incredible contribution, helping to improve the lives of people and communities across the Humber region.

## Partner Bios

### HEY Smile Foundation

Empowering charities, people, and communities is the heartbeat of the Smile . By inspiring communities, being a generous leader, and making a positive impact across the region, we can create a ripple effect that transforms communities and changes lives.

We have grown and developed lasting and trusted relationships across all sectors, helping to create stronger and more resilient communities where we all live and work. Smile walks alongside charities, providing vital support with governance, fundraising,

strategic planning, crisis management and operational guidance, including volunteer management. We support groups and charities to develop and deliver their own volunteering programmes, ensuring they're equipped with the resources and knowledge needed to manage volunteers. In turn, we broker volunteering opportunities for businesses, making it easier for employees to give back and make a difference locally. Our passion and drive to make volunteering more accessible, inclusive and rewarding for individuals, plays a huge part in Smile's delivery.

### East Riding of Yorkshire Council

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is honoured to partner with Smile in recognising and celebrating the selfless contributions and achievements of all volunteers, whether they are carers, environmentalists, or providing services to their local communities and everything in between.

Their efforts during the cost of living crisis have been relentless and inspiring

whether they're helping to support their neighbours, local communities and residents of all ages or undertaking regular volunteering opportunities with VCSE groups.

The East Riding Council appreciates all volunteers and sees the Volunteer Awards as an ideal opportunity to recognise and celebrate their contributions to supporting residents and making the East Riding a great place to live.

### Hull City Council

As a council, Hull City Council fully recognises the important contribution volunteers make to society right across the city. There are so many services and organisations that simply would not be able to function without an army of committed volunteers taking part.

Whether it is a large or small group, one that operates in one part of the city or all over Hull, or supporting one person or thousands, the contribution made by so many dedicated individuals is immense and not to be underestimated.

That's why Hull City Council was so pleased to be able to be part of the Smile Foundation Time2Volunteer awards and celebration event this year. This is our way of publicly thanking all those who do so much for so many.

We also want to help those who need to find more volunteers to support their services. We hope that with events like this many more will recognise how they can benefit from volunteering and also more groups are able to promote the work they do across the area. Thank you to all those who give so much for others.

## Hull CVS

We are the go to organisation for volunteering in Hull, who provide full holistic support to members of the public, charitable organisations and corporate partners with their volunteering needs. People interested in volunteering can access our face to face support via our accredited Hull Volunteer Centre and online on the amazing Time2Volunteer portal which we co-manage with HEY Smile Foundation. We assist organisations across

the city to recruit and train volunteers, as well as, running the flourishing Volunteer Managers and Coordinators Network which provides a safe space for those working in the area to support each other and develop best practice.

Through our Time2Volunteer platform and partnership with the HEY Smile Foundation, we are delighted to once again be supporting the Time2Volunteer Awards to show our appreciation for the amazing contribution of volunteers across the region.

## Making a Difference Locally (MADL)

Making a Difference Locally (MADL) is Nisa retail's (part of the Coop group) registered charity. The charity was established in 2008 to help independent retailers to support local causes they care about. Over the last 16 years MADL has proudly raised over £18m for good causes, supporting local communities with over 25,000 donations. We are committed to investing in building stronger local communities and supporting small charities and other good causes in

becoming more sustainable.

MADL is delighted to once again support the Time2Volunteer Awards and celebrate the incredible work of the region's many dedicated volunteers that so selflessly give up their time to support others and truly make a difference to their community.

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# Active and Sports Award



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## Sponsored by: Active Humber

Active Humber is a charitable company whose purpose is to help people of all ages and backgrounds to improve their health and well-being, by taking part in regular physical activity and sport. Our vision for the Humber is that it

is a place where everyone, every day, is physically active for themselves, their communities, and the planet. We are supporting the Sports Award in recognition of the volunteers who make sport and physical activity happen.

## Nominees

*This award recognises a volunteer who encourages people to be physically active, whether it's leading a walking group, serving refreshments at a grassroots football club, or voluntarily organising competitive sports.*

### ▶ **Vicky Marshall, Launchpad Trampoline Gymnastics Academy**

Vicky, a dedicated trampoline coach at Launchpad Trampoline Gymnastics Academy, has been a vital part of the community for 20 years. She mentors newly qualified coaches and leads squad developmental sessions for national competitors. As a welfare officer and club treasurer, Vicky balances these roles

alongside her full-time job as a teaching assistant. She volunteers 7 hours a week and dedicates all her Sundays to judging at competitions, ensuring smooth events. Recently, she mentored two coaches on their Level 3 modules, bolstering the club's longer-term sustainability. Vicky's commitment makes her a cornerstone of the Launchpad family.

### ▶ **Grant Douglas, Hull Scorpions Baseball Club**

Grant is the indispensable groundsman who ensures the playability of the field at Hull Scorpions Baseball Club. As equipment manager, he maintains and organises all of the gear, arranges umpires, and coordinates transport for away matches. Grant also communicates match details to team members and welcomes new

members, guiding them on the basics before they join the main team. He dedicates 8-hour days every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday for training and matches. During the season, he spends 6-10 hours weekly preparing the field, having worked over 2,000 hours since May 2023. After attempting to retire, Grant returned to his role, highlighting his irreplaceable contribution to the team.

### ▶ **Carolyn Croft, Little Victories in the Community**

Carolyn is a committed volunteer coach with LVFC, a youth team for players with cerebral palsy. Initially joining to support her daughter, she stepped up when new coaches were needed. As a nurse, Carolyn brings empathy and kindness to her role, leading sessions and mentoring new

coaches. She provides comfort and advice to parents, sharing her own experiences. Volunteering weekly, Carolyn also represents LVFC at events. In two years, she completed the FA Play Maker course and secured funding for the FA Level 1 course. Her impact is profound, creating an inclusive environment that empowers young players to shine.

# Behind the Scenes Award



## Sponsored by: Umber Creative

At Umber Creative, we're all about crafting creative innovative solutions to technical challenges. Community spirit drives us at Umber Creative. Over the years, we've partnered closely with the Smile Foundation, contributing to projects that support local charities and organisations.

We're proud to sponsor the Behind the Scenes Award as it reflects so much of what we do daily. When any creative solution is built well, it looks easy, and our work often goes unnoticed - but when someone appreciates the effort, it fuels our passion & keeps us striving for more.

## Nominees

*This volunteer works quietly in the background but keeps groups and charities going. They don't make a song and dance about their volunteering, so we will!*



### ► Jacob Birch, Scouts

Jacob is a devoted Scout leader in Beverley and Hornsea, volunteering tirelessly to support multiple groups and help other volunteers grow. He is always available to answer questions and ensure smooth operations, handling both face-to-face interactions and behind-the-scenes administrative tasks. For over 7 years, Jacob

has been an essential part of Scouting, dedicating at least 2 hours every weeknight and additional time on weekends for events like camps and activity days. His efforts prevent the closure of nearly all local Scouting groups, impacting over 500 young people and volunteers, and enabling them to engage in activities like rock climbing and kayaking.

### ► Sue Mellors, Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire

Sue is an exceptional office volunteer at Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire, known for her efficiency and dedication. Volunteering once a week since February 2023, she manages the complex task of maintaining the client database, a responsibility she has taken on due to her unmatched speed

and accuracy. Sue also assists with new volunteer applications, reference checks, document scanning, and phone enquiries. Balancing her volunteer work with family commitments, she consistently dedicates at least 6 hours weekly. Her reliability and communication skills are invaluable, exemplified by her notifying the team even on the day her grandchild was born.

### ► Phil Bean, Hull and East Yorkshire Children's University

Phil began volunteering with the organisation in 2019 for school Learning Experiences and has since become a Learning Experience Lead while continuing to volunteer on trips. He supports children aged 4-11, and occasionally older children, enhancing their experiences. Phil also aids fundraising events and encourages

community involvement. Since May 2023, he has volunteered 473 hours, with term-time commitments ranging from 5-30 hours weekly. Beyond recorded hours, Phil invests significant time at home researching and improving Learning Experiences. A true team player, he willingly adjusts his schedule to ensure adequate adult-child ratios, making trips more engaging and developing stronger bonds between adults and children.

# Environmental Award



## Sponsored by: Transwaste

Transwaste are the largest waste recycling company in East Yorkshire, providing comprehensive solutions for all your specific waste and recycling requirements. We are 100% committed to recycling and our aim is to recycle a minimum of 95% of all waste we

receive. As a business we are keen to support the local community where our customer and employees live and work, therefore we are delighted to be a part of the Volunteer Awards and sponsoring the Environmental award.

## Nominees

*This award is for someone who volunteers in the natural world, either to protect and preserve it, shout about the importance of it, or to help others experience it.*

### ► Denys Fell, Densholme Farm

Farmer Denys gives significant time to environmental sustainability through organic farming and efforts toward carbon neutrality. His farm, featuring nine wind turbines, an air source heat pump, a wood chip boiler, and solar panels, supports flourishing biodiversity. In 2018, he won the Tye Trophy for conservation efforts.

For over 25 years, Denys has volunteered with local organisations, planting woodlands and supporting wildlife. He educates children through Hull Children's University, providing farm tours and online sessions via 'Farmer Time.' Denys has welcomed over 4,000 children to his farm and, at 73, ran his sixth marathon to support Hull Children's University.

### ► Ian Walker, Pollinate Eco-Garden Hornsea

Ian has enjoyed volunteering for the eco-garden project since its inception in November 2022, contributing 3-4 hours every Friday afternoon. Despite working part-time and volunteering with Warm Spaces in Skipsea during winter, Ian consistently supports the garden's development. His efforts have been

crucial in transforming the garden from a grassy area to a thriving eco-space. Ian's commitment extends to Saturday afternoons, assisting with community events and staying late to pack up. He excels in promoting the garden's eco-vision, creating wildlife areas, building compost bins, and managing the food-growing section, all while sharing his environmental knowledge with new volunteers.

### ► Karen Simpkin, The Flower Box Beverley

Karen founded "The Flower Box Beverley," a project that transforms discarded supermarket flowers and donated blooms into confetti or revitalized arrangements. All proceeds benefit the Cherry Tree Centre and children with cancer. She dedicates herself daily to collecting, drying, arranging, and promoting these flowers on social

media, making it a full-time commitment. Initiated during lockdown, the initiative has grown with support from the local community, supermarkets, and a funeral home. Karen's efforts prevent flowers from going to waste, providing joy to those who can't afford them and raising funds for Beverley Cherry Tree's pantry and youth club.



## Founding Award



### Sponsored by: The One Point

The One Point, an original founding partner of HEY Smile Foundation, operates as a managed IT and Telecom company. We are deeply committed to charitable endeavours. In 2018, we inaugurated The One Point Foundation to reinforce our corporate social responsibility initiatives and encourage members of The One Point

team to actively participate in supporting causes that resonate with us. One of the central objectives of The One Point Foundation is to effect positive change within communities by backing initiatives that enhance lives, assist the vulnerable, and create opportunities.

### Nominees

*Organisations often begin with a founder who had the bravery to make an idea happen. This Award is for someone who has changed lives when they volunteered to start a group or charity. (This category isn't limited to volunteering in the last 12 months.)*

#### ▶ Pippa Whitehall, The Lookout

Pippa founded "The Lookout" in October 2022 to support parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities in Withernsea. She connects families with relevant authorities, assists with forms, manages finances, and runs a weekly youth club and monthly swimming sessions for SEND children. Pippa also

organises "pop-up hubs" in schools, providing a one-stop resource for parents. Dedicating 4-6 hours weekly, she remains available for support, balancing her role as a mother of two autistic children. Despite personal challenges, Pippa completed a Level 3 in neurodiversity to offer free training, ensuring "The Lookout" fills gaps left by existing systems.

#### ▶ Ashleigh Hirst & Sue Steeley, Doreen's Hull

Sue and Ashleigh founded Doreen's in July 2023 to support vulnerable individuals living in poverty. They provide children's packed lunches, food parcels, maternity bags, and create Christmas hampers for Women's Aid. Their handmade worry worms and pocket hugs, distributed to

hospitals and schools, offer comfort and encouragement. Doreen's also promotes community inclusion by distributing Easter eggs to children in Hull, having given nearly 7,500 eggs since 2020. In 2024, they handed out 2,401 eggs, their largest donation yet. Sue and Ashleigh have reached nearly 3,000 people in 2024 alone, balancing their part-time jobs while dedicating spare time to this cause.

#### ▶ Hilary Hamer, Hull Food Partnership

Hilary Hamer, former Chair of Hull Food Partnership, played a pivotal role in advancing sustainable food initiatives in Hull. Leading Food4Hull from 2013 to 2018, she encouraged collaboration among public, private, and non-profit sectors to improve the local food system. Her efforts led to Hull

becoming a Sustainable Food City in 2017 and earning the Sustainable Food Places Bronze Award in 2019. Hilary also directed Rooted in Hull urban farm, promoting sustainable food production. After a decade of volunteering to enhance Hull's food landscape, she stepped down in January 2024 to focus on personal projects, leaving a lasting impact.

# Good Neighbour Award



## Sponsored by: Mitsubishi Chemical UK Limited

Mitsubishi Chemical UK Limited, based on the Saltend Chemicals Park in Hull makes Soarnol, an environmentally-friendly ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer (EVOH). This is used

extensively as a gas barrier in multi-layered plastics packaging such as bottles and containers particularly for the food industry. We work closely with the Smile Foundation to support the local community and are delighted to sponsor the Good Neighbour Award.

## Nominees

*This volunteer makes their neighbourhood or local community a better place. They make people happier and more connected to create a positive community feel.*

### ▶ **Liz Robertson, Broadway Community Allotment**

Liz dedicates around 20 hours weekly to maintaining a community allotment, ensuring it remains a welcoming space for all. Single-handedly managing the project due to unforeseen volunteer absences, Liz consistently delivers outstanding results. She hosts weekly community mornings

for the elderly, offering support for those who wish to grow produce but lack the resources to manage a full allotment. These sessions provide a safe space for gardening, socialising, and laughter. In just nine months, Liz has significantly impacted the local community, enhancing the allotment and improving physical and mental well-being for both older residents and visiting grandchildren.

### ▶ **Margaret Webster, Hull Women's Aid**

Margaret volunteers at Hull Women's Aid Refuge, dedicating her time to nurturing the youngest children there. She brings snacks, home-baked goods, and special toys, enhancing the children's experience. Arriving early, Margaret helps set up, runs sessions, and tidies up, ensuring she is informed about

each child's needs. During school holidays, she joins day trips, thoughtfully bringing items like buckets or muffins. Volunteering twice a week, she averages 7 hours weekly since May 2023. Margaret also volunteers at Reuniform, sorting used school uniforms. Her warm presence provides comfort and continuity for families in trauma, acting as a surrogate grandmother.

### ▶ **Anji Gardener, West Hull Community Hub**

Anji, along with her husband Carl, initiated the West Hull Community Hub at Jonny Whitley Park in 2022. She organised meetings with stakeholders to establish a thriving venue that offers a safe, inclusive environment for the community, especially the elderly, carers, and those facing food poverty and social isolation. Anji personally

knows the 100+ attendees, serving as a friend and advocate for their various needs. The Hub hosts a weekly Warm Welcome event and activities for disabled users and veterans. Despite working part-time at the University, Anji dedicates around 16 hours weekly to the Hub, contributing as a management committee member, fundraiser, and community activist.

# Inclusive Award



## Supported by: Making A Difference Locally (MADL)

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## Nominees

*This volunteer empowers people to feel included and valued. The winner might work within BAME communities, the LGBTQ+ sector or with people who have a disability.*

### ▶ Judith Cox, HEY! Volunteering

Through volunteering, Judith supports arts, culture, and heritage organisations, including Ferens Art Gallery and Spring Bank Creative Projects. However, her standout contribution is to the "Welcome to English" initiative, aiding newcomers to Hull, including asylum seekers & refugees, in learning English and

integrating into the community. Since 2016, Judith has volunteered 360 hours, with over 78 hours since May 2023 as a HEY! Volunteer. As a befriender and English teacher, she provides language skills, information, and friendship, helping newcomers feel included and empowered. Judith's kindness and friendliness make her an invaluable part of the project.

### ▶ Donna Adams, Age UK

Donna is a Telephone Befriender who has supported 4 older individuals weekly since January 2021. Despite being registered blind, she volunteers over 200 hours annually, offering companionship to those feeling lonely and isolated. Donna began volunteering during the Covid pandemic to combat her

own feelings of isolation. Her thoughtfulness shines through, as she arranged a Christmas dinner for a lonely buddy and educates herself on various topics to engage in meaningful conversations. One gentleman calls her his "guardian angel," crediting her with boosting his confidence and enriching his life. Their first in-person meeting after years of calls was deeply moving.

### ▶ Shaun Grantham, Little Victories In The Community Cerebral Palsy and Frame Football Club

Shaun is a volunteer coach at Little Victories FC, focusing on inclusivity in sports for all abilities. For 2 years, he's devoted his Saturdays to coaching young players, tailoring sessions to meet individual needs.

Shaun's commitment extends beyond the field as he completes Level 1 and essential training to enhance his skills in disability football. Shaun isn't only a coach but also a cheerleader for his players, promoting team spirit and personal growth. His efforts create a supportive environment, positively impacting players' physical, social, and emotional well-being.

# Long Serving Award



## Sponsored by: MKM

MKM is the UK's leading independent builder's merchant, with over 130 branches nationwide. Our teams are proud to support charities, clubs, and groups in those local communities; through

fundraising, sponsorship, donations, and volunteering as part of what we call 'Doing the Right Thing'. It's an honour to sponsor the Long Serving award to recognise those who have given their time and energy to help others for many years. Thank you to all the nominees.

## Nominees

*This volunteer has dedicated large parts of their life to volunteering. They may have supported many organisations and causes over the years, giving their time year in year out.*

### ▶ **David Barber, Cherry Tree Community Association**

Dave has volunteered at Cherry Tree Centre's advice service since the 1990s, offering 6-10 hours weekly to assist vulnerable, housebound clients. He conducts home visits, completes attendance allowance forms, and advises on debts and housing issues, helping hundreds

across East Yorkshire. Known for his caring approach, Dave receives outstanding client feedback and secures significant cash donations that support the service. He excels in home visits, taking time to genuinely care for clients. Dave's 99% success rate underscores his effectiveness and commitment, making him an invaluable asset to the team.

### ▶ **Katie Watson, 866 Immingham Squadron ATC**

Katie, new Commanding Officer of 866 Immingham Squadron ATC, has volunteered for 22-23 years. Timing out as a cadet 24 years ago, she returned as a bandmaster, rising to her current role. Katie oversees the squadron,

responsible for all cadets & staff, volunteering at least 2 nights a week, plus most weekends. Her activities range from band engagements to flying and sporting events. Katie has profoundly impacted hundreds of young lives, serving as an inspiration and confidante. Her dedication and leadership earn her deep respect from both her team and cadets.

### **Dave Thompson, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

Dave, a 90-year-old Hull lad, has been a fundraiser and supporter of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People since 1992. After retiring from his engineering career, he and his late wife Sheila, founded the Hull Fundraising Group for the charity. Dave has

delivered over 1,200 talks, raising over £200,000. Dave's efforts have been vital supporting the training of hearing dogs, providing essential assistance and companionship to deaf individuals. Known for his lively presentations, he has even donned mascot suits for fundraising. His contributions have profoundly impacted the charity and its beneficiaries.

### ▶ **Sarah Bryne, HEY! Volunteering**

Sarah has dedicated 50 years to volunteering, supporting arts, culture & heritage organisations as a HEY! Volunteer. Since 2016, she's contributed over 1,010 hours, assisting with events like Hull Maritime and Freedom Festival. A passionate photographer, Sarah provides

valuable feedback, capturing event highlights. For 16 years, she's led Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides weekly. Her community involvement includes managing social media for URBAN and supporting Guide Dogs UK. Her dedication began aged 7, helping her parents with MS Society fundraising, and she continues to bring light to many lives.

## Older Award

# KCOM

### Sponsored by: KCOM

KCOM is celebrating our 120-year anniversary this year and are hugely proud of our foundations, which date back to 1904. Today we provide broadband & phone services to more than 150,000 customers and businesses in Hull, East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire. KCOM is proud to sponsor the "Older

Volunteer" Category again this year. We're deeply rooted in the communities we serve and regularly give out community grants to local causes, and continue to build strong charity partnerships. We're passionate about volunteering and our employees value giving their time to make a difference locally.

### Nominees

*This award is for a volunteer who is over 70, and whose stamina and commitment to making a difference should be celebrated!*

#### ▶ Jean Walker, Age 82

##### NHS Talking Therapies Allotment Group

Jean has been a vital volunteer at the allotment group for over a decade, supporting individuals with mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. Her warmth, humour and compassion resonate with the young attendees, aged 18 to 30, as she effortlessly connects with them. Jean

defies stereotypes of her age, engaging in discussions about pop culture and actively participating in gardening tasks. Despite recent health challenges, she remains committed, attending weekly for 5 hours, maintaining social connections even in adverse weather. Jean, also a volunteer at Hull Royal Infirmary, inspires others with her energy and dedication, exemplifying positive aging.

#### ▶ Tony Sutton, Age 70

##### North Ferriby Riding For The Disabled Association

Tony has been an indispensable volunteer since 2020, dedicating 2 to 3 hours daily to maintenance and animal care, often extending his time as needed. Tony is the backbone of the charity, ensuring smooth operations with his organisational skills

and willingness to tackle any task, from fixing fences to repairing water troughs. His behind-the-scenes work is crucial yet often unnoticed. Tony's impact extends beyond his duties; he maintains strong relationships with other volunteers, offering wisdom, guidance, and humour. Highly respected and appreciated, Tony's contributions are vital to the charity's success and community spirit.

#### ▶ Sean Fleming, Age 76

##### Age UK

Sean has been a dedicated Volunteer Befriender with Age UK Hull and East Yorkshire for over 6 years. Known for his friendly and caring demeanour, he currently supports 3 individuals, calling them weekly for engaging hour-long conversations. Sean's vast knowledge allows him to discuss

a wide range of topics, putting people at ease and helping them forget their troubles. Over the past year, he has volunteered 82 hours, and throughout his tenure, he has supported 15 people, forming meaningful friendships. During the Covid pandemic, Sean proactively made extra calls to alleviate loneliness, showcasing his commitment to helping those in need.

## Team Award

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**Experts in Safety**

### Sponsored by: Arco

As the UK's leading safety experts, Arco have 139 years of experience, delivered through a team with an unparalleled combination of specialist expertise and knowledge. Supporting the communities we serve is at the heart of our business. Our commitment can be seen throughout the company and each year we support the development of various community and charitable programs financially, as well

as giving our people two days paid leave each year to volunteer.

These Awards recognise the unsung heroes of our community that give hours of their own time to help others. Well done to all those who have been shortlisted, an achievement you should be very proud of. From everyone at Arco, thank you for the work you do to improve our communities."

### Nominees

*This award is for a collective of volunteers who work together to change lives. The winning team will be a strong unit who supports each other, as well as the work they do.*

#### ► Brough Social

The Brough Social is a volunteer-led group supported by Age UK HEY, meeting every Tuesday to improve community connections. Since its inception in August 2023, the team of 6 volunteers has dedicated at least 2 hours weekly to organising guest speakers, facilitating activities, and assisting

attendees. The volunteers have created a welcoming environment, allowing the group to thrive with over 20 regular attendees and new members joining frequently. Their efforts have made the group a popular community hub, particularly for people with dementia and their partners, enhancing social interaction and support within the Brough community.

#### ► Barton Volunteers

Barton Volunteers was initially established to support the local community during Covid-19, assisting with surgeries, meal deliveries, and distributing local newspapers. Since then, the team has expanded to cover heritage, culture, arts, gardening, and green spaces in Barton upon Humber. In winter 2023, they launched a

"soup and a film" afternoon at Ropery Hall, providing a warm space, meals, and social interaction. With 303 active volunteers contributing 952 hours since October 2023, the group offers essential community support. By September, they will support over 100 events, including WWII air raid shelter tours and Victorian guided tours, enhancing community engagement.

#### ► Scunny Bikers

Gav and his team of Bikers organise major events twice a year at Christmas and Easter, known as the Biker Run, to support the Disney ward at Scunthorpe Hospital. They collect toys, chocolates, and donations from local supermarkets, personally delivering them to the hospital. Gav coordinates with

supermarkets, cafes, and secures vans and drivers, ensuring a safe and successful event. The Scunny Bikers have dedicated years to these runs, which have become integral to their lives. Their efforts not only bring joy to children and families but also encourage local businesses to donate, enhancing the ward's facilities and environment.

# Trustee Award



## Sponsored by: Smailes Goldie

As one of the largest local independent accountancy, tax, and business advisory firms, Smailes Goldie Group is honoured to sponsor the Trustee Award. Our commitment to giving back to the

community is reflected in our work with charitable organisations, and we are proud to support the Smile Trustee Network in its efforts to develop and recognize exceptional trustees.

## Nominees

*This award recognises an influential Trustee who drives a charitable board and contributes through hard work, skills and commitment.*

### Ian Bourne, Platform Hull

Ian Bourne serves as a multifaceted volunteer, advocate, and trustee at Platform, dedicating over 6 years to empowering young adults with profound disabilities. With personal experience of Cerebral Palsy, Ian effectively advocates for beneficiaries, ensuring inclusivity and support. As a trustee, he plays a vital role

in strategic planning, including opening a second facility, and co-runs a parents' forum. Ian's exceptional fundraising efforts have secured essential resources, enhancing care and support for those with learning disabilities. His dedication, totalling approximately 864 hours in the past year, has been transformative, improving lives and promoting community inclusivity and understanding.

### Ian Samuel McGaw, Home Start Hull

Sam has been a dedicated trustee for Home Start Hull since 2004 and has served as Chair since 2019. Celebrating his 20th year as a trustee, Sam plays a crucial role in recruitment, annual appraisals, and guided the charity through Ofsted registration for their after-school club. He meets quarterly

with trustees and is consistently available for advice and decision-making. Sam dedicates his retirement to ensuring the charity fulfils its legal obligations, providing constant support and encouragement. His approachable nature and wisdom make him a trusted figure, ensuring the charity's best interests are always prioritised.

### Sharon Igoe, Goodwin Development Trust

Sharon has been the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Goodwin for 18 years, guiding the organisation through significant challenges, including staffing changes, the COVID pandemic, and the cost of living crisis. Her leadership has strengthened the board by recruiting three new trustees, two of whom are local residents. Sharon

chairs monthly meetings, participates in weekly briefings, and engages actively with staff and project areas. As she prepares to retire in November 2024, Sharon leaves behind a legacy of robust governance and a committed board that reflects the diverse community of the Thornton Estate in Hull, enhancing the quality of life for its residents.

# Young Award



## Sponsored by: Eltherington

Eltherington Group manufactures and supplies leisure, modular and construction products throughout the UK & Europe. Whilst celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2020 we looked at ways to support the

Hull and Humber community. One great way to do this is through the volunteer awards. We therefore, chose to sponsor the Young Volunteer Award. On behalf of the whole Eltherington workforce we would like to thank all the volunteers for their inspirational work.

## Nominees

*This award is for a volunteer who is under 25, has brought energy and enthusiasm, and shown real initiative to do something good.*

### ▶ Deborah Arikibe, Youth Aspire Connect

Deborah, aged 19, is a passionate youth ambassador and research assistant at Youth Aspire Connect, has volunteered 520 hours since December 2021. She ensures youth involvement in programme development, collaborating with University of Hull researchers to improve mental health interventions. Her volunteer work,

highlighted on her resume, contributed to her appointment as a UNICEF Ambassador. Deborah leads an Anti-Racism campaign in Hull, supporting over 25 young people. Their film, "Just Ignore It," featured on the BBC and won the Into Film Award, acting as a training resource on racism. She participates in NHS and Wellcome Trust projects addressing mental health barriers for young people of colour.

### ▶ Jax Batty, A Bear Called Buttoney

Jax, aged 11, a young volunteer and fundraiser, has raised over £20,000 for local charities, despite living with a chronic bowel condition. He founded "A Bear Called Buttoney," which provides special bears to children undergoing stoma surgery. Jax's

efforts extend to organising donations for hospital wards, participating in events like a midnight walk, and raising £2,000 for the Rainforest Ward. His dedication earned him a national award and recognition as an ambassador for a local children's charity. Jax's resilience and commitment to helping others, make him an inspiring figure in his community.

### ▶ Liam Chambers, Nunny's Farm CIC

Liam, aged 15, is the lead volunteer in animal care at Nunny's Farm, Grimsby, responsible for handling sessions, feeding activities, and interactive tours. Within a year, Liam advanced from a new volunteer to a lead role, now mentoring new volunteers. He dedicates

weekends during term time and volunteers daily during school holidays, contributing 946 hours this year. His dedication and passion for animals make him a valuable asset to the farm. Liam excels in sharing his knowledge with visitors and supports new volunteers with additional needs. His commitment and hard work are highly valued by the team.

### ▶ Yasmin Bartle, T.I.C Hull and Yorkshire (Tourette's Syndrome Inclusion in the Community)

Yasmin does many roles for T.I.C, such as; social media, marketing, training of ADHD skills and helping run 3 children's groups a week. She's written & illustrated a book that helps children understand neurodiversity, which she shares

at local schools. Yasmin supports a group of 6 young people with disabilities, giving them the skills and confidence to advocate for themselves and others. This year she's volunteered over 150 hours for T.I.C and her creative ideas have been invaluable, making a difference to the charity and the people it supports.

# TIME 2 VOLUNTEER



Time2Volunteer is a volunteering platform co-managed by HEY Smile Foundation and Hull CVS. It aims to make volunteering across Hull and the East Riding simple, valued and connected. Organisations can promote their volunteer opportunities with a free management system, and volunteers can search for and apply to them. It provides a wealth of resources to support both volunteering organisations and volunteers, informing and involving people in the big issues around volunteering. It is the go-to platform to share and celebrate volunteer stories and achievements.

Feeling inspired by today's Awards? Please visit our website (below) to explore new opportunities to volunteer. Likewise, if you are looking to attract and recruit volunteers, check out how to get your organisation registered and promote your services. If you need help, please contact Smile or Hull CVS (below) to find out more.

We'll be showcasing all of today's winners on Time2Volunteer, so please do visit the website to see their stories once more.

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