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Title: Local residents receive Civic Awards from the Town Council

Embargoed:

When: 25 January 2019

Where: Wokingham Town Hall

What: Civic Award Ceremony

Each year, the Town Council looks for individuals living or working within Wokingham who deserve recognition for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the town. The Council feel it is important to recognise individuals who may be caring for people within the community, participate in voluntary work, support art and culture within the town or who offer a valued service to the public or just as importantly are a good neighbour.

Recipients are nominated by a member of the community and nominations are judged by a selection panel including members of Wokingham Town Council's Civic Committee and the High Steward of Wokingham, Lucy Zeal.

Awards were presented at the Town Hall by the Town Mayor Cllr Julian McGhee-Sumner at an evening ceremony on 25th January, 2019.

The Council is delighted to announce this year's worthy recipients:

Dennis Eyriey: Nominated by Anne King and Dr Ian Hossack for his contribution to Wokingham United Charities.

Dennis has made a huge contribution to Wokingham over the many years he has lived and worked here, as founder of the CAB, member of Rotary and Round Table and as Chairperson of United Charities to name only a few. His work for United Charities has been broad and varied. Dennis has worked tirelessly in governance and management roles as well as ensuring that the people the charity is set up to help, receive the care and support they need. His dedication to each aspect of his role is unwavering and has ensured that the charity has a bright future ahead.

Paul Jeffery: Nominated by Ms Ginny Rhodes and Rev Nick Hudson for his contribution as a School Governor.

Paul has been a Governor at St Crispins School for 13 years and over this time has developed a high level of expertise regarding education. As a Chair of Advisors, he motivates, encourages,

leads a team of volunteers, and expertly balances this with holding professionals to account. Paul's tenacity to seek the very best means that all stakeholders, students, staff, parents and members of the wider community benefit from his governance skills. He is generous and kind, not self-seeking and driven to improve the life chances of young people in Wokingham.

Clive Pearce: Nominated by Sheila Bailey and Philip Osler for his contribution to the Red Cross.

Clive is an Emergency Response Volunteer for the Red Cross and Event First Aider. Clive makes himself available any time day or night and even in the early hours of the morning, whatever the weather or time he retains his dedication and sense of humour. Clive is dedicated, conscientious and helpful in all he undertakes and a calming influence when others are in crisis. Clive embodies the Red Cross ethos "The power of kindness."

Tim Hanton: Nominated by Debbie Slay and Patrick Allen for his contribution to Wokingham Lions Club.

Tim has been President of Wokingham Lions Club twice, Chair of Fundraising and Treasurer during his time with the club, but his roles do not define him. As a passionate, inspirational member and leader within Wokingham Lions Club, Tim is often the first to volunteer or help out at events. Tim works tirelessly to ensure events such as Wokingham May Fayre and Wokingham Fireworks are successful and can often be found playing barman at the Beer Festival, serving tea in refreshment tents or distributing Christmas parcels to the elderly and needy in our society. He is a wonderful asset to Wokingham Lions Club

Quotes:

Cllr David Lee (Chairman of Civic Committee) commented: "As Chair of the Town Council's Civic Committee I am impressed by the contribution all nominees make to the running and wellbeing of our town. We are very lucky in that Wokingham has a multitude of organisations and charities set up to raise funds and help others. We have so many dedicated and selfless people running and helping these organisations on a day to day basis and it is a great honour to recognise some of these individuals each year through the Civic Awards."

Cllr Julian McGhee-Sumner (Town Mayor) commented: "It has been a privilege to present the Civic Awards tonight to four outstanding individuals who give so much time and energy to help others within our community. Congratulations to them all for the amazing work they do and to the many other people who give freely of their time to help others."

About WTC

Vision: To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents and businesses.

Wokingham Town Council comprises twenty-five councillors who represent the four wards of the town: Emmbrook, Evendons, Norreys and Wescott.

The Town Councillors are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects one of their members to be the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

The Council delegates much of its business to the following committees:

- **Amenities:** Responsible for the Council's facilities such as parks, allotments, buildings, markets, and playgrounds
- **Arts & Culture:** Encourages, supports and, in conjunction with other organisations, delivers artistic and cultural events to users of the town centre.
- **Civic:** Makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement with the Town Council. These include Civic Events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral Town Twinning visits and the honorary staff members.
- **Finance & Personnel:** Controls the finances and general administration of the Council. This committee also administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects.
- **Planning & Transportation:** This committee acts as a consultative body on Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues.

The Full Council meets at least six times a year. Council meetings are open to the public.

The agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's web site at

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