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## The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2008

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2008 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community:

### East of England

#### *Voluntary Group*

1st Dickleburgh Sea Scout Group  
Brightlingsea and West Mersea Community First Responder Groups  
Centre 33  
Fusion

King's Lynn Samaritans  
Nicky's Way at St Nicholas Hospice  
The Harpenden Trust

#### *Activity Description*

Encouraging young people to get involved in outdoor activities.  
Providing pre-hospital care for patients in life-threatening incidents.

Provision of a drop-in centre for homeless and socially deprived people in the area.  
Engaging young people in creating beautiful music to bring the diverse community together.

Providing confidential emotional support to those in distress.

A bereavement service for children and young people.

Supporting the disadvantaged community especially those disabled, children and elderly.

### East Midlands

#### *Voluntary Group*

Northampton Hope Centre  
Dukeries Community Workshop  
CKI School of Martial Arts  
Thorplands United Football Club

#### *Activity Description*

Meeting the needs of the homeless and disadvantaged of Northampton.

Provision of a practical workshop where people can pursue their interests and skills.

Teaching young people the sport of martial arts.

Providing football for all and other youth activities in the interests of social welfare and community cohesion.

## Guernsey

*Voluntary Group*

Guernsey Jumbance Holidays

*Activity Description*

Providing holidays away from the Island for handicapped people unable to travel on their own.

## Isle of Man

*Voluntary Group*

Isle of Man Breakthrough Breast Cancer Group

*Activity Description*

Raising awareness of breast cancer research through fundraising and to provide support for those newly diagnosed.

## Jersey

*Voluntary Group*

Jersey Hospice Care Volunteers

*Activity Description*

Supporting the specialist and holistic nursing service and care for those with cancer or motor neurone disease.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Providing individuals seeking help and assistance with the right information and support.

The Jersey Across Group

Providing disabled and disadvantaged local residents with a pilgrimage to Lourdes.

## London

*Voluntary Group*

Learn English At Home (LEAH)

*Activity Description*

Empowering isolated non-native speakers to become actively involved in the community through teaching them English.

DAGE (Deptford Action Group for Elderly)

To combat social support for pensioners in Lewisham through the provision of a variety of services.

Volunteer Supported Education

Supporting juvenile prisoners and young offenders through improving their literacy and numeracy skills.

Redbridge Youth Offending Team Referral Order Panel Members

Reducing the risk of further offending by young people aged 11–17, in a restorative setting.

Child Death Helpline

Supporting those affected by the death of a child of any age and the needs of bereaved families.

JUMP 2K

Creating real alternatives to criminal activities and supporting educational needs for young people in Lewisham.

Inside Outside

Supporting those with learning disabilities who help older people in their homes with domestic chores.

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## North East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Belford Junior Football Club	Providing sporting and social opportunities for young people in a widespread, rural deprived community.
Killingworth Community Consortium	Developing community activity through learning opportunities to facilitate pathways to employment and community enterprise.
Newcastle Muungano Community Association	Promoting the welfare needs of individuals and families within the African community in Newcastle upon Tyne.
Scotswood Neighbourhood Centre	Provide residents with support and advice from appropriate agencies on a wide range of issues.

## North West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Barrow Dad's Group	Developing a support network for fathers and their children through a safe environment which encourages bonding.
Whitemoss Club for Young People	The group aims to support both able and special needs children in a socially interactive environment.
Beacon Counselling	Providing a wide range of counselling services to local residents.
St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice	The group supports patients, their carers and families and all services within the hospice setting.
Aughton Ormskirk University of 3rd Age	Providing opportunities for older people to pursue active retirement through social and recreational activities.
Callon Kid's Community Club	Developing activities to divert children from crime and give them aspirations through social inclusion.
Facing Life and Pain (F.L.A.P.)	Supporting the needs of all chronic pain sufferers.
The Bridgend Centre	Providing a focal point for individual support and community involvement.

## Northern Ireland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Mourne Mountain Rescue Team	Exists to aid lost or injured walkers and climbers in the Mourne mountains of Northern Ireland.
Crossfire Trust	Promoting community development and reconciliation.
Cruse Bereavement Care in Northern Ireland	Providing bereavement support and counselling.

## Scotland

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
Aberdeen Arts Centre Volunteers	Providing a welcoming artistic environment for the North East community to participate in the Arts.
Greenock ABC	The group aims to get young people off the streets and to channel their energies into sports and a healthier lifestyle.
Tayside Special Olympics	Promoting and developing the organisation of a full programme of sports events in the community.
Ardgowan Hospice Volunteers	Hospice volunteers provide a quality service for patients and families affected by life-limiting conditions.
West Alness Residents Association	Responding to the communities' growing demand to have a representative body to speak on their behalf.
Springburn Alive and Kicking Project	Providing and supporting a better quality of life for disabled and elderly people.
Castlemilk Timebank	Promoting community involvement to help build a sense of community spirit.
Berwickshire Wheels Community Transport	Providing accessible transport for disabled people in the area.

## South East

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
The Riverside Centre	The Centre provides day care activities for disabled and non-disabled people.
Springboard Project	Provision of safe and inclusive recreational opportunities for children and youngsters of all abilities.
Post Pals	The group encourages members of the public to send cards, emails, letters and gifts to seriously ill children.
Crossover-Breakout	Addressing the practical needs of the disadvantaged community and to bring God's extravagant love to all people.
Battle Area Community Transport	Providing regular bus services for the elderly, disabled and all residents in rural Rother communities.
The Salvation Army Haven Community Project	Providing exceptional practical support to the community in Portsmouth and the wider communities.
Base 33	Providing a safe supportive environment to young people living in Witney and surrounding villages.
Castle Hill Group	Who created and now manage the Castle Hill local nature reserve in Newhaven, East Sussex.
Just Around the Corner	Giving hope to young people enabling them to make positive choices through demonstrating love and acceptance.
The Independent Advice Centre	Providing advice and support to avoid suffering through lack of knowledge and transporting vulnerable people.
National Talking Newspapers and Magazines	Providing blind, partially sighted and disabled people with audio and electronic versions of printed media.

## South West

<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
St Sidwell's Community Cafe	Providing affordable access to food in a safe and accessible environment in a community cafe available to all.
Bude Surf Life Saving Club	Educating its members who prevent and perform sea and surf rescues on North Cornwall beaches.
Dream-A-Way	Providing holidays and trips for people with special needs, their families and carers in the South West region.
Island Response	Giving befriending respite to carers through social support and back-up for other supporting agencies
Nanstallon United Youth Football Club	Providing facilities to enable children of all abilities to play football.
Crewkerne Aqua Centre Volunteers	Setting up and running an indoor pool for the benefit of the community.
Freewheelers Emergency Voluntary Service	Providing out-of-hours emergency transportation of medical items to and from hospitals in Bristol and Somerset.

## Wales

### *Voluntary Group*

EcoDysgu—EcoLearn  
Swansea City Bravehearts  
The Woodlands Field Group

Rhyl South West Central Residents Association

### *Activity Description*

Offers a combination of learning and alternative therapies to all people.

Supporting youngsters who have disabilities and their families.

Engaging the community of all abilities and ages to participate in recreational and educational activities and support other groups.

Operation of a cafe, a local community centre and charity fundraising with an annual Fun day.

## West Midlands

### *Voluntary Group*

Birmingham St Mary's Hospice Volunteers  
  
Wenlock Olympian Society  
Listen and Care  
The Wolverhampton Coronary Aftercare Support Group (WCASG)  
Biddulph in Bloom  
  
The Lyneal Trust

### *Activity Description*

Supporting the Hospice in their provision of specialist palliative care for people with a life-limiting illness.

Promoting and encourages sport and the live arts in the wider community.

A self-help group for people with mental health problems.

The group aims to support patients and their families after a heart attack, heart surgery or angina attack.

A practical group working with the community to enhance and improve the environment of Biddulph.

The group aims to enable disabled people to enjoy and use the canal.

## Yorkshire & The Humber

### *Voluntary Group*

Hemsworth and District Community Initiatives Ltd  
  
Home-Start Leeds  
  
Hull Churches Home from Hospital Service  
  
Pennine Magpie  
  
Greystones Community Action Group

### *Activity Description*

Providing a friendly and accessible community centre to those living in Hemsworth and surrounding areas.

Supporting families with pre-school children to enable parents to give their children the best start in life.

Providing free short term practical support to adults on return home from hospital to support independence.

Improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged through therapeutic activities, training and recycling.

Helping the community through environmental and social support.





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