

**HASSRA SOUTH EAST  
ANNUAL AWARDS 2016**



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## **SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR 2016**

Our awards start with recognising the efforts of members through Merit Awards. These are much coveted and are issued sparingly. If you have been a previous recipient in the recent past, then another Merit Award will not be considered, although we do recognise that the efforts that made you an award winner continues.

As such we would like to mention a few people who were nominated but fall into this category;

Nikki Sawtell continues to provide the members in Milton Keynes – Bowback House with an excellent example of what HASSRA is all about.

Martin Tree from Chatham has been the club treasurer for more years than can be remembered, his workload increased due to a number of our popular theatre trips going through the club accounts.

Julie Stirling, a local club stalwart, a regular face on the Regional BOM and out theatre trip organizer who has won numerous awards in the past and still putting HASSRA first.

### ***Merit Award –***

The first award is for **Gbubemi Fregene** of Canterbury Office. Most people at this point will say who? But he is ever present at most events and we all know him as Yinka!! He will volunteer to attend most sporting competitions and when we cannot field a side for any reason he will make himself available to represent our other Hassra Regions and give his all whether he knows what he is doing or not!! He has been involved in Football, Touch Rugby, Mixed Rounders and Mixed Indoor Cricket.

### ***Merit Award –***

The next award is to someone who is instrumental to the running of Hassra Folkestone and does a fabulous job with the accounts and keeping the spending of the chief prize buyer in check! She collates all our charity donations and presents a list of what needs paying to whom. She is always enthusiastic with any Hassra event, whether getting muddy for charity or dressing up as Santa for the Christmas raffle.

Without her unflinching support and commitment Hassra Folkestone would not be able to continue, it is for these reasons she deserves recognition for her continuing contribution to Hassra Folkestone. The award goes to **Ginette Scrivens**.

### ***Merit Award –***

*The next award is for* **Lewis White** from Broadmoor. Lewis is a footballer who started to attend other Hassra events as he loved the togetherness and team unity shown no matter what sport he is involved in. He is now a regular at the Festivals and has taken part in Football, Touch Rugby, Mixed Indoor Cricket and Mixed Rounders. Sometimes he may even venture to the bar!! A nice lad who encourages his team mates no matter how badly things are going.

### ***Merit Award –***

Another from Broadmoor is **Simon Whiteside** who is predominantly a Rugby player. Simon has been involved in Hassra for a number of years and has been encouraged to attend as much as possible by our own stalwart Dick Deacon. Simon is also a regular at Festivals and, Like Lewis, has taken part in Touch Rugby and Mixed rounders. He has also attended the CSSC Games to represent South East both on the pitch and in costume at the bar. Quite possibly the biggest Ewok seen at the CSSC games ever. Always up for a laugh and enjoys the whole Hassra experience.

### **Merit Award –**

The next award is for someone who is a long standing and valued member of our committee.

She helps running events; she regularly commits time out of work to shop, organize and run events including our two biggest events of the year the summer festival and Christmas buffet. Recently she helped run the Christmas buffet – the largest event we run each year. She used her own time to attend subcommittee meetings about this as well as using the time allocated by management and her breaks to help out and contribute to the smooth running of this event. She can be relied upon to carry out tasks with dedication and without the need for supervision.

She has stepped up to the plate and taken over events at short notice when others have been off unexpectedly. She works well with others and is always HASSRA orientated. She has taken part in the WOW day for years and always bakes a tasty offering. This year she helped out on an Ad hoc basis to enable some Pentaque organisers to have comfort breaks. She has volunteered to help again this year as she enjoyed it so much.

Every year she organises and co-ordinates our RNBL poppy collection. She arranges extra enamel pin badges for our box as these are so popular with members. Over the years she has helped raised hundreds of pounds for the poppy appeal. The award goes to **Lee-Anne Styles** from Milton Keynes.

### **Merit Award –**

Our next award winner volunteered to be the liason with Eastleigh office. This very unassuming, incredibly helpful lady has made the committees and my life so much easier.

- 1) She is very efficient without being officious. When she could see I was struggling to adapt the national Lottery signature form, which I needed to use the HASSRA bingo lottery, she offered to help, without making me feel inadequate and the form was returned by her, simple but brilliant
- 2) She always keeps her office informed, asks for their opinions and lets us know at the meetings.
- 3) She face times into our meetings and big events. She goes that extra mile.
- 4) She always keeps us up to date with the progress of sales of tickets etc. It's great not to be left wondering or having to chase people.
- 5) Always says thank you, when we should be thanking her.

This lady doesn't want the limelight, she just gets on with what needs to be done, often in the background, a wonderful, trustworthy efficient volunteer. We are so lucky to have her help. The award goes to **Lucy Barrett** from Southampton

### **Merit Award –**

During her many years with our local club she has covered various roles. Most recently she has acted as one of the clubs auditors; additionally she supports and helps at many events we run throughout the year.

She regularly commits time out of work to shop, organise and arrange events including our two biggest events of the year the summer festival and Christmas buffet. Recently she helped run the Christmas buffet – the largest event we run each year. She shopped for this on her own time as well as using the time allocated by management and her breaks to help out and contribute to the smooth running of this event.

She is a longstanding member and her enthusiasm, dedication and depth of knowledge is greatly appreciated. She is a quiet member but is always there in the back ground doing what is required and she is greatly thought of by others.

This award goes to **Nikki Evans** from Milton Keynes

## **LOCAL OFFICE CLUB AWARDS 2016**

### ***Highly Commended and £100 – DOVER Bereavement Benefits Centre***

A club that used to be in the running for Best Club for a long period of time but became docile for a while. Fresh impetus has seen this club put in an application for the first time in a while and their endeavors are recognised.

### ***Best Small Club Runner Up £150 - MILTON KEYNES – BOWBACK HOUSE***

A change in place from last year and a very close decision and we are sure will be looking to get back to top spot next year.

### ***Best Large Club Runner Up and £150 - ISLE OF WIGHT***

A very hard working club based on an Island, and seen as the club to beat, with our large club award being achieved for at least the last five years running.

### ***Best Small Club and £250 – HASTINGS & BEXHILL***

This Club will now be submitted to the National Awards committee in the Best Small Club category.

### ***Best Large Club and £250 - RAMSGATE***

This Club will now be submitted to the National Awards committee in the Best Large Club category.

## ***BUSINESS SPONSOR OF THE YEAR 2016***

Our Sponsor and Office Manager is very supportive of all activities in the office. She always makes sure that all of her 4 offices are included in all events. She often sells draw tickets/boxes. Delivers goods, monies etc. Office Management, and our sponsor particularly, realise that all of the activities organised raise morale enormously. At our Christmas draw, the room was buzzing, why? well we had in excess of £1100 of prizes, we face timed the other offices, who were all introduced, waved at and made to feel welcome by our sponsor and the Southampton staff.. It was so exciting, waiting for the prizes to be drawn, listening to the cheers from offices over 15 miles away shouting when they won. I also love the fact that she asks if help is needed and it is given and more than that we always get a huge thank you from her, sometimes by email, sometimes in person. It truly means a great deal to be thanked and appreciated.” Leading from the front, our sponsor helped raise money for a colleague in our district, whose 7 year old son was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour to help with treatment. We have recently raised money for Riley’s Journey because although the little lad sadly died, other families need help and research to prevent this happening.

Not afraid to get her hands dirty and muck in, something that most managers and sponsors do not do, she will also lend her support for funds, to help negotiate for us to be reimbursed for Time to Talk Funds.

What is liked best are the 'well done', the 'thank you' and 'the I appreciate what you have done' emails from this year’s Business Sponsor of the year, Jo Prickrell from Southampton.

## **SPORTPERSON THE YEAR 2016**

This year's winner hails from the arduous sport of athletics – more precisely running. A key member of the Broadmoor team over many years, he has represented HASSRA South East in CSSC track and field at 1500m, became part of the Broadmoor track and field / road relay / cross country teams and it is in the latter that he has dominated that sport from 2008 until present times.

He holds the course record for the HASSRA se cross country event and has won that event for the south east at the last two Warwick festivals.

Away from HASSRA, he is a committed athlete who is a regular competitor in the London marathon and now completes that event in less than 3 hours, a remarkable achievement by any standards.

He is very much a HASSRA stalwart, a strong supporter of the HASSRA organisation and a very worthy winner of this award.

### ***This year's Sportsman of the Year award goes to Dave Vogwell***

## **CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR 2016**

This person has been a member of the Hassra local committee for 2 years and has proved to be a valuable member of the team.

Despite a busy job she rarely misses a meeting and always contributes to ideas and is the first to volunteer for tasks when asked. Her active involvement, positivity, commitment and pro-activity has been a great benefit to the club and its members. In August, she willingly stepped in as acting Chair following the resignation of our current chairperson. This enabled the club to continue running.

During 2016 she also did the following:-

- Came up with ideas for our monthly members giveaway prizes and went after work/at the weekend to buy the prizes.
- Has collected the dress down money both in her own section and other sections of the building.
- Helped out with the sale of Key of Fortune tickets when our regular sellers were unavailable
- Organised and attended 2 bowling nights at our local bowling alley - advertising the event, liaised with participants about the evening and took photo's for our newsletter.
- Helped to organise the Easter Egg draw – sold the raffle tickets and bought most of the eggs and did the draw on the day.
- Attended the Regional AGM in London and collected an award on behalf of the club.
- Purchased the kits for our Sunflower Competition (pots, soil and seeds) and got her own section involved in taking part.
- Ordered and collected all the food for the BBQ we held in the summer and transported it to the venue. Also helped to set up the tables for the quiz teams.
- Sourced the table tennis table at a great half price deal that we obtained with the Well-being grant. Arranged for it's delivery to the office.
- Always helps putting up posters/newsletters on the notice boards around the office.
- Took part in the Inflatable Santa Run with 3 other members of the office which involved running around a 5k track whilst navigating 10 giant inflatable obstacles! This was a fund-raising event for our local nominated charity. They also helped collect the sponsorship money.
- Sold lots of raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle and also helped source and buy the main prizes – many at greatly reduced prices due to Black Friday! she also took charge of the draw itself which took place in our canteen one lunchtime.
- Took part in the Wear your Christmas jumper to work day and encouraged her team to do the same.
- Took control of a 'double booking' incident at our Christmas party venue. As she was first at the venue she stayed calm, spoke to the manager and insisted they find us an alternative venue and transportation for our 40 guests – which they did! Tragedy averted!!

### ***This year's Contributor of the Year Award goes to Vikki Sampson from Worthing***

## **PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2016**

This year's winner will attend the opening of an envelope as long as he knows a woman is opening it!! Over the years he has represented Hassra South East in a number of sports including Football, Touch Rugby, Mixed Rounders, Hockey, It's a Knockout, Indoor Cricket and his new found love Golf. He loves attending the Festivals and the Games but I wouldn't recommend him for orienteering as apparently he can never find his own room!!

Always competitive, will fight hard for his team mates and knows how to relax after his exertions. He will always do his utmost to make new team members feel included and has made a number of friends on his travels.

I'm sure you all have a story you could add to the end of this but we will leave you to think about it whilst we recognise

***This year's Personality of the Year award going to Carlo Barbieri***

## **NGAIRE THOMAS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016**

This year's winner has been the organiser of almost every event in her local office. Dress down days, cake baking days, walking days, Job Centre bake off, the planning day buffet and Christmas buffets, from doing all the shopping through to cooking for it. She organised the Christmas work party, which was a brilliant night had by all.

The office was part of a bigger HASSRA local club however a new independent club has been formed so that all activities organised will be a local effort and fully inclusive, without the office feeling left out of the bigger club efforts.

She is amazing at organising our events and is approachable when we might need some help or questions regarding HASSRA.

There are a large number of people who feel the same about our winner's efforts in the local Job Centre and this is replicated in the efforts she also puts in as a member of the Regional Board of Management. Not put off by the travel required from overseas, she is a regularly attendee and contributor on all matters debated.

***This year's Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Tracy Champion***

## **EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD 2016**

When this award was introduced in 2014, its intention was to recognise an individual's considerable contribution to the HASSRA South East organisation over many years. It aimed to fill the gap where people previously nominated for awards were no longer being properly recognised for their efforts.

This year's nominee clearly fulfills that criterion. Gradually over many years he has developed from someone who showed a little interest at club level to someone who is now a key ambassador for HASSRA se at local, regional and national levels. He is still a regular competitor, an organiser of many se events including our participation in the festivals, an active and enthusiastic board member and a person who goes that extra mile to provide enjoyment for others. He is always the first to volunteer, always willing to step in at short notice, and devotes a great deal of his own time in making sure that HASSRA se continues to give a first rate service to its members.

***DAVE PHILP IS A WORTHY WINNER OF THIS EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD***