



Bearsted Parish Council Mynn Awards 2023



The 2023 Annual Mynn Awards took place on 14th November at Madginford Hall. Bearsted Parish Council was delighted to receive so many nominations. Awards were presented to our residents for Service to the Community and Local Volunteering.



Bearsted walking group

Established 2016, the group meet weekly at Holy Cross church. This engaging local team of leaders bring people together to enjoy walking and talking. Chris Dobson, Paul and Sue Eaton, Steve and Mary West, Trewin Lawes, Belinda Bishop, Jeanette Ward and Alison Woodcock



Tracy Bosman

Tracy was nominated for her dedication to animal welfare across Kent. She has been a key contributor on the local Facebook hub advising and helping many residents. As well as animal welfare Tracy plays a key role in the supply of humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Our local litter pickers

We are very grateful to all of the residents who give up their time rain or shine to keep the Parish looking tidy and litter free.

Jo Wilkinson, Alan Thorpe, Vivien Bowles, Gary Palmer, Alan and Christine Thomas, John Williams, John Paxter and Nicola Hart





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Paul Stewart

Our landlord at The Oak on the Green, Paul has gone above and beyond in so many ways. He has set up a fantastic community social football group enjoyed by many residents. He always helps to promote events and activities within the Parish and has supported and raised money for many charities.

Thank you Paul!

Joann Corby

Joann was awarded for her excellent work at Madginford Library running many activities for local children, helping to engage them in the library. This included reintroducing the much loved baby and toddler group Rhyme Time. Joann is friendly, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and creative. She's a great asset not just to the library, but also the community at large.

Bearsted Friendship Group

Marion Brooks and Shân Lythgoe were awarded for their work with the Bearsted Friendship Group. Each week they arrange for around 20 residents to get together who for some do not have much social contact. Shân and Marion give up their spare time to arrange activities and promote the group.

Shân Lythgoe – The Girl Guides

Shân was also recognised for many years of service leading the Girl Guides. As well as establishing the Girl Guide units in the area she was key in the opening of the first Rainbows unit for Bearsted back in 1993. Now taking a step back from her leading role she continues to be heavily involved in District fundraising, challenge hikes, activity days and camps/sleepovers for the various units in Bearsted.





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Canon John Corbyn

Canon John Corbyn, now retired was awarded for his long service to the community. He has been the Vicar at Holy Cross Church, Bearsted for more than 21 years, conducting hundreds of Baptisms , Marriage Ceremonies and Funerals as well as Sunday and weekday services. He also set up the church Toddler groups, involved himself in the various societies and social groups. He served our residents going above and beyond as a committed pastor, visiting parishioners in the Care Homes, in the hospitals, in their homes, wherever they are and whatever their need.

Bearsted Parish Council also awarded highly commended certificates for service to the community

Shelagh, Paula, Sue and Lesley from the Ashford Road Post Office

The ladies at the Bearsted Post Office were nominated for their customer service. They are supportive and welcoming to their visitors deserve recognition for their loyalty. They were presented with a highly commended award.

Kayleigh Poynton - Bearsted Railway ticket office

Kayleigh was nominated for her friendly, cheerful and helpful service at the Bearsted tickets office. Always approachable she goes out of her way to be helpful. She is an asset within our community and has been recognised for this with a highly commended award.

