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Winners of the Staffordshire Justice Awards 2008

A volunteer with 25 years service and a team who have implemented an initiative designed to show the consequences and costs of reckless driving under the influence of drugs and drink, are just two of the named winners from the seven categories of the Staffordshire Justice Awards.

The Justice Awards is a national scheme that recognises excellence in the Criminal Justice System. Now in its fifth year, it gives staff and volunteers the opportunity to nominate colleagues and teams to help them receive the recognition they deserve for their achievements.

For Outstanding achievement in caring for victims:

- Clare Mathers

For Outstanding contribution to tackling youth crime:

- *Driving the Buzz to Death Team:*
Martyn Baggaley
Sylvia Brown
Mandy Davies
Jo Gore
Jayne Hargreaves
Ged Huffadine
Irene Williamson
- *Youth Intervention Team (Corporate award)*

For Outstanding contribution to working with offenders:

- Olive Mulligan
- Cliff Thompson

For Outstanding contribution to engaging local communities:

- John Hollingshead
- PC Andrew Whitehall

Long service award for continued commitment and dedication:

- Shirley Bradley
- David Goodman Esq
- Gail Harrison
- Janice Hill
- Oliver Malone
- Dawn Norburn
- Lynn Parkes
- Keith Smith
- PC Glynn Talbot

Partnership of the Year – Best Example of Joint Working across the CJS

- *Multi-Agency Protocol for Non-Molestation Order Breaches Team:*
Helen Appleby
Andrew Bromley
HH Judge Duggan
Chief Inspector Paul Gilbert
Catherine Goodfellow
Debbie Matthews
Kirstie Moore
Patricia Ratcliff
Viv Starkie
- *Streamlined Process Project Team:*
Alison Beardmore
Geoff Bell
David Goodman Esq
PC Nick Guymer
Chief Inspector Mark Hallam
Sergeant David Hulson
Inspector Giles Parsons
Inspector Ian Osborne
Keith Prosser
Viv Starkie
Pamela Thomas
Neville Trumper

Volunteer of the Year:

- SC Maurice Howell

Martin Hall, Youth Intervention Manager, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service said about the awards: "We're extremely pleased to have won in this category, we do various intervention programmes with young people and it's great to be recognised for the hard work we do. Our work in this area contributes to driving

down both deliberate and accidental fires and injuries and continues to support the reduction in anti social behaviour. It is pleasing to know that what we are doing is having a positive impact across the County.”

The celebrated staff’s achievements will be recognised in a ceremony where awards will be presented by Harry Ireland, Vice Chairman of Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board and Chief Crown Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service - together with Peter Lewis, Board Sponsor and Chief Executive, Crown Prosecution Service and Sponsor of Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board. Other board members will read out citations and the event will be attended by work supervisors, colleagues, family and friends of the winners.

Chris Sims, Chair of Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board and Chief Constable, Staffordshire Police said: “This is excellent news and we offer our congratulations to all our winners. To see our staff recognised in our award scheme is a real tribute to the work that is being done in across the Criminal Justice System in Staffordshire.

“The Board’s priority is to increase public confidence in the system and rebalance it in favour of the law-abiding majority. The winners will go a long way in demonstrating that our joined-up approach really can make a difference.”

The Attorney General, Baroness Scotland of Asthal QC commenting on the national award scheme said: “I initiated the Justice Awards in 2004 so I am particularly delighted to see that we received over 700 nominations of excellent service.

“These awards are about shining a light on the unsung staff and volunteers across the Criminal Justice System who dedicate their lives to solving crimes, helping victims, working with offenders and ensuring this country is a just, safe and fair place to live. It is about recognising these people’s selfless determination and showing the public the great work that people in the Criminal Justice System are doing on their behalf.”

The winners will be recognised at a special awards ceremony in Lichfield on 24 October as part of the national ‘Inside Justice Week’ campaign in Staffordshire.

Further information on Inside Justice Week (17-24 October) can be found at www.lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire The aim of the week is to show how justice is done by:

- encouraging individuals and communities to get involved with their local Criminal Justice System

- showing how the Criminal Justice System protects the public and supports victims
- explaining how sentencing reflects crimes that are committed

Individuals and communities can help make a difference in tackling crime and delivering justice by:

- reporting crime and anti-social behaviour
- acting as witnesses and being prepared to give evidence in court
- participating as jurors
- volunteering on youth offending panels, as magistrates, special constables, prison visitors, victim support, witness service, community service volunteers, mentors, and helping on youth diversion projects
- considering a career in the CJS.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Justice Awards are a national scheme to recognise the diverse work done by those working within the Criminal Justice System (CJS). People across the country have been nominating teams and individuals who make outstanding contributions to delivering justice across England and Wales. The categories range from work with victims and witnesses through to efforts made engaging local communities. Further information on the Justice Awards and a full list of national finalists can be found at: www.cjsonline.gov.uk/justiceawards whilst further information about the local awards can be found at: www.lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire
2. The Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board was set up in April 2003 to manage the CJS at a local level. It, along with the other 41 Local Boards covering each county or metropolitan area across England and Wales, reports to the National Criminal Justice Board which supports them in their work to meet Public Service Agreement targets at a local level and reduce crime in Staffordshire.
3. Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board brings together the chief officers of criminal justice agencies including the Courts Service, Crown Prosecution Service, National Probation Service, Police Service, Prison Service and the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Youth Offending Services. The agencies share the responsibilities of reducing crime and the fear of crime in Staffordshire.
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