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Winners of the Staffordshire Justice Awards 2007

A volunteer with 17 years service and a team who have operated an intensive programme of monitored evidence based activities designed to assist offenders break the cycle of offending, have been named as winners from the eight categories of the Staffordshire Justice Awards.

The Justice Awards is a national scheme that recognises excellence in the Criminal Justice System. Now in its fourth 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:

Susan Wilson

For Outstanding achievement in caring for witnesses:

Sandy Avison

Northern Cyprus Trial Team -

Det Sgt Elizabeth Andrews

Det Con James Bowers

Det Con Wendy Cooper

Det Insp Mark Hurst

Det Con Paul Mathers

Det Con Darryn Stanyer

Det Con Christopher Tallent

For Outstanding contribution to tackling youth crime:

Biddulph Neighbourhood Police Unit -

PCSO Annette Baddeley

PC Lorraine Bowman

Sgt Lindon Evans

PCSO Peter Johnson

PC John Kidd

PCSO Karen Linton

Insp Steve Maskrey

PC Steve Meacock
PC Sharon Nelson
PCSO Steve Powell
PC Juliet Scrimshaw

For Outstanding contribution to working with offenders:

Chase Division Prolific Offender Project Team -
Det Sgt Nigel Braun
Stuart Breeze
Sharon Latham
Det Con Diane Mahon
Steve Pilling
Lilan Shaw
Julie Whittaker

For Outstanding contribution to engaging local communities:

Sgt Lindon Evans

For Outstanding commitment to diversity:

Chase Diversity Forum -
PC Andrew Clarke
Mark Crank
Ch Supt Nicholas Howe
Ch Insp Juliet Prince
Dawn Robertson
Insp Elliott Sharrard-Williams
Vince Simpson
Kathrine Thompson

Long service award for continued commitment and dedication:

Stephen Allen and Anne Smith

Volunteer of the Year:

Peter Cave

The celebrated staff's achievements will be recognised in a ceremony where awards will be presented by Chris Sims, Chairman of Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board and Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police together with other board members. The event will be attended by work supervisors, colleagues, family and friends of the winners together with Peter Lewis, Board Sponsor and Director of Business Development for the Crown Prosecution Service and partner agencies in Staffordshire.

Chris Sims 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 in our finals will go a long way to demonstrating that our joined-up approach really can make a difference."

The Attorney General, Baroness Scotland, who initiated the Justice Awards in 2004 said: "Nominations for the awards have increased three fold since we began and are made by colleagues on the frontline. Those recognised as part of the Justice Awards are examples of the very best the CJS has to offer.

"Inside Justice Week and the Justice Awards gives us an opportunity to say thank you - something which is so infrequently said or acknowledged."

The winners will be recognised at a special awards ceremony in Lichfield on 5 November as part of the national 'Inside Justice Week' campaign in Staffordshire.

Further information on Inside Justice Week (3-10 November) 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 finalists can be found at www.cjsonline.gov.uk/justiceawards and 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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5. Staffordshire Criminal Justice Board is responsible for the running of the Criminal Justice System in the county of Staffordshire. For further information please visit: www.lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/Staffordshire