



# Record number of nominations for Dorset Justice Awards 2006

**There have been 40 nominations submitted for this year's Dorset Justice Awards, which is over double the amount submitted last year.**

Entries have now closed and nominations have been received from all of the justice agencies in Dorset as well as for partners and volunteer organisations.



Nationally Dorset has received the second highest number of nominations throughout the 42 Board areas across England and Wales, with 34 national nominations submitted.

The winners of the Dorset Justice Awards will be announced at a special awards ceremony to be held at Bovington Tank Museum on 26 September.

Rod Brummitt, Chairman of the Dorset Criminal Justice Board, said: "The Justice Awards provide an excellent opportunity for us to say a special thank you to the dedicated people working within the Dorset Criminal Justice System who have made a particular contribution to improving justice for the people of Dorset.



"The large number of high quality nominations that we have received highlights the dedication, commitment, and innovation which both teams and individuals display in their quest to improve Dorset's Criminal Justice System and to ensure the best possible service to the public."

The award categories for this year's ceremony cover areas including caring for victims and witnesses, engaging local communities and working with offenders.

This is the second year that Dorset has held its annual Justice Awards. Last year's awards proved to be a huge success as one of our local award winners went on to win the National Criminal Justice Board Partnership of the Year Award.



The Community Service Unit in Dorset worked with Weymouth College and Bovington Tank Museum to provide offenders sentenced to Community Punishment Orders with practical skills and educational qualifications.