

Holme Valley Parish Council

NEWS - May edition

Forty Years of Service

The Annual Parish Council meeting took place on Monday 27 March – and several ‘firsts’ were marked with the awarding of new presentations.

A special Chairman’s Award was made to Cllr Rachel Hogley in recognition of her distinguished work as a Holme Valley Councillor during her eight years tenure.

Five long-standing councillors were also honoured - with a whopping great 146 years of service to the Parish Council between them. All had also led the Parish Council as Chairmen during their tenures. Cllr Judith Roberts (20 years), Cllr Trevor Bellamy (24 years), Cllr Di Hall (26 years), and Cllr Donald Firth (36 years) were all recognised in this way.

The most remarkable achievement was that of Cllr Paul Dixon, a councillor since 1983 with over forty years’ service. He also served as Chairman in 1990 -1991 and 2012-2013. His dry wit and deep knowledge of community matters have distinguished his contributions to meetings and the wider work of the Parish Council.

Congratulations, Cllr Dixon – and heartfelt thanks from all here at Holme Valley Parish Council.



Pictured are Cllr Paul Dixon receiving his Certificate with his son, Cllr Tom Dixon, who represents Hepworth Ward.

Celebrating the Holme Valley Community Champions

Around 30 members of the public attended the Annual Parish Council meeting to celebrate the presentation of eleven Community Champion Awards – a record number.

Community Champions Awards recognise individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond in making the Holme Valley a vibrant and supportive community.

Present to receive this year's awards were:

- Steve Kurowski** – for his contribution to controlling Japanese Knotweed as part of the River Holme Connections team
- Fiona Sharp** – for her altruistic efforts in tackling dog waste in Green Cliff Cemetery, Honley
- Barry Suddick** – for his many years of commitment to the Scouting movement.
- Mike Williams** – for work on green initiatives
- Pastor Ian Gooch** – for support of the community through the Full Life Church Foodbank.

Group awards were also presented to:

- The Welcome Club, Honley
– part of Honley Village Community Trust
- Hade Edge Breeze Magazine Team
- Honley Show
- Holme Valley Lions – Santa’s Sleigh Team
- Honley Christmas Lights Team
- Friends of Honley Library

A massive well done to all our Champions – and ‘thank you’ for the difference that you make in the Holme Valley, for the Holme Valley. Do take a look at the HVPC website and Facebook page for more pictures and details of all the presentations made.

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