



MAYOR'S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY 2024

BARRY JUTSUM

Carrying out the role of Community and Welfare Chair for Guildford Lions Club Barry has often gone above and beyond in his service to Guildford Borough's citizens, young or old, who require help.

Barry has carried out this role for eight years over which time he has researched, visited and reviewed the many hundreds of requests that Guildford Lions Club receives. Barry's unstinting desire to serve the community is recognized throughout the Borough by charities and organisations and he has become the "go to person" when help is needed. It is not possible to list every organisation, charity or individual for whom Barry has orchestrated help.

During 2023 Barry was contacted by several different local organisations, including

Home School Link Workers

SWS Voluntary Action Social Prescribing Link Workers

Social Workers Family Safeguarding Hub

Perinatal Mental Health Service Support Workers

SCC Southwest Mental Health Social Care Team and various departments at the Royal Surrey County Hospital; as well as many other local charities and organisations.

A recent example of thanks received is for support given to two refugee families in Godalming in need of bedding, pillows etc. An appeal was circulated and three ladies from Chiddingfold, Normandy & Guildford came forward and donated all the bedding. One lady gave a donation of £50 to be passed on. Barry collected all the donated items and delivered them to the lady co-ordinating the support. The following thank you letter was received: -

"Dear Barry

I just wanted to thank you so much – what a fantastic response with lovely items from your supporters. I have divided them up and spoken to Taghrid & Angham and will deliver them this afternoon. I will give the £50 to Taghrid, since they are surviving on £200 per month after utility bills excluding food/living – for 3 adults. I am completely delighted! Happy New Year."

This award would give Barry due recognition for his positive community service over many years to enhance the quality of life for so many people in the Guildford Borough.

