



Hampshire volunteers recognised by The Queen with prestigious Award

[Andover Young Carers](#) from [Andover, Hampshire](#) has been announced as one of 103 UK volunteering groups to win this year's The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups.

The prestigious National Honour recognises outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. It sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged of the highest standard.

[Andover Young Carers](#) has received the Award for [supporting young carers - children and young people age 8 to 18 years who sadly often have very little or no childhood because of their significant caring responsibilities for a parent, parents or sibling with a long term illness, terminal illness or disability; also children and young people who are affected by their parents drug or alcohol addictions, mental health problems and domestic violence.](#)

Winners of this year's Award were selected from 341 groups nominated by members of the public who have been helped personally or witnessed the benefits of a group's work in their community.

[Andover Young Carers](#) will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal, presented by Her Majesty's representative in [Hampshire, Dame Mary Fagan](#) at a special ceremony. The group has also received an invitation for representatives to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

Speaking of their success, [Lorena Burlison](#), Manager of Andover Young Carers said: **"WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS PRESTIGIOUS HONOUR FOR THE WORK WE DO WITH YOUNG CARERS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY...]"**

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Main Award Committee Chair and former broadcast journalist Martyn Lewis CBE said,

"Outstanding volunteer groups across the UK all too often go without recognition for the truly amazing work they do, despite the vital part they play in helping bind our communities



together. It's a great pleasure to celebrate the efforts of [Andover Young Carers](#) with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and help raise awareness of all they do for the benefit of others."

More than 850 groups around the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man have now won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, over the eight years since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

For details of all this year's Award winners and information on how to nominate a group, visit www.direct.gov.uk/thequeensawardforvoluntaryservice, where a nomination form can be downloaded.