

Whittlesey Town Council



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Whittlesey Town Council are delighted to announce the Citizen of the Year Awards there are two prestigious awards firstly for Young Citizen and secondly for Citizen of the Year. Traditionally these awards would have been presented earlier this year, but the current coronavirus situation has delayed one of the highlights of the Council calendar.

This young lady is a keen netball player and for the past four years has been a member of Whittlesey Warriors netball team. Her love of netball developed at Park Lane Primary School and after leaving to attend Sir Harry Smith Community College took it upon herself to return to her old school to help coach youngsters at their after-school club on Thursdays and Fridays. She has volunteered in this manner for the past four years.

Additionally, she assists the Activity Club that the Park Lane School runs for three days a week in the school holidays giving up a lot of her own time in the process.

In 2018 she won a Young Achievers Award through Cambridge County Netball Association and followed this up with an Eastern Region Young Volunteers Award, receiving her prize at the prestigious Ceremony in Liverpool.

In Addition to her netball skills for the past two years this young lady has been teaching youngsters to swim through the Whittlesey Manor Dolphins Swimming Club.

It was the Mayors great pleasure therefore in awarding the Whittlesey Young Citizen to Ellie Nicholls.

The successful nominee for this Citizen of the Year Award has for many years held of the office of Treasurer of the Whittlesey Christmas Lights Committee and two years ago took on a similar position with Whittlesey Street Pride.

He is a keen member of the Whittlesey Lions, specialising in recycling spectacles, raising funds at Lions events and taking on the responsibility for stocking up outlets with "Message in a Bottle", information, a very important Lions campaign.

For some years the Mayor and the Mayoress have enjoyed his participation in the Westwood Musical Society and his singling talents have extended to the Whittlesey Singers, a voluntary group of social singers who regularly entertain at care homes and at town events.

He also taken the role of Father Christmas at Dobbie's in Peterborough,

He is a weekly volunteer at Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall in Peterborough, a reader and sides person at St Andrews Church in Whittlesey and a competent vendor of hot bacon rolls at St Andrews Hall on Straw Bear Days.

He is a member of the St Andrews Church Thursday Club which caters monthly for those who may be lonely and volunteers for "Holiday at Home" providing entertainment, trips and above all company to the lonely.

He is now a member of a Whittlesey U3A group and has taken on a role of quizmaster at the Annual Education Quiz organised by Whittlesey Rotary Club.

Phil Knighton is a deserved winner of the Whittlesey Citizen of the Year.