



Press Release

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Fenland's environmental volunteers honoured at annual Street Pride Celebration Evening

Dedicated volunteers were honoured for their outstanding efforts to help keep the district clean, green and welcoming at Fenland District Council's annual Street Pride Celebration Evening.

More than 60 volunteers from Street Pride, In Bloom and Friends groups attended the event at the Braza Club in March yesterday (Thursday 15 October), when individuals and organisations were recognised for their work improving local streets, public spaces, and wildlife habitats in their communities.

The highlight of the evening was a special awards presentation, with eight awards celebrating volunteers and projects across the district, and there was entertainment from 20Twenty Productions too.

The awards were presented by Cllr Susan Wallwork, Fenland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Street Pride, alongside the Council's Environmental Projects officer, Ashley Dolling.

Cllr Wallwork said: "Our Street Pride, In Bloom and Friends groups make an incredible difference to communities across Fenland. From creating colourful displays and improving habitats for wildlife to organising litter picks and bringing people together through community projects, they go above and beyond to make our towns and villages better places to live.

"The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the dedication and pride shown by volunteers across Fenland, whose efforts help to keep communities clean, green and welcoming throughout the year. As always, choosing the winners was extremely difficult as every nomination reflected the community spirit that makes these groups so special.

"I'd like to congratulate all of this year's winners and thank every Street Pride, In Bloom and Friends group volunteer, including those unable to attend the event, for everything they do. I'd also like to commend pupils from Murrow Primary Academy who were recognised for demonstrating that community pride and environmental stewardship begin at a young age."

This year's award winners were:

Long Service Award: Frances and Robin Murray, March in Bloom

Recognised for 25 years of dedication to enhancing March through floral displays and community environmental projects.

Best Town or Village Display: Chatteris in Bloom

Awarded for the group's continued success in creating attractive displays throughout the town and its achievements in the recent Anglia in Bloom competition.

Best Wildlife Project: Friends of Rings End Nature Reserve

Recognised for the ongoing maintenance and development of Rings End Nature Reserve, helping to preserve valuable habitats while encouraging residents and visitors to engage with nature.

Best in Bloom Group: March in Bloom

Honoured for its resilience and commitment to enhancing March town centre and surrounding areas despite increasing challenges in recruiting volunteers and resources.

Heart of the Community: Murrow Street Pride

Awarded for bringing together residents, schools and community organisations through projects and initiatives that have made a lasting difference to village life.

Best Community Litter Pickers: Murrow Street Pride

Recognised for outstanding litter-picking efforts across the village, droves and ditches, helping to improve the local environment.

Street Pride Shining Star: Mo Green, Benwick in Bloom

Honoured for his exceptional commitment to maintaining the Whittlesey Road bridge planters, regularly drawing water from the river to keep the displays thriving throughout the season.

Volunteer of the Year: Ruth Ananicz

Honoured for her outstanding leadership, enthusiasm and commitment to supporting volunteers, developing projects and helping drive environmental improvements within her community.

A special honorary certificate was also presented to **Murrow Primary Academy** in recognition of its enthusiastic litter-picking club. Pupils were praised for working alongside Murrow Street Pride volunteers and demonstrating a strong commitment to environmental responsibility and community pride.

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