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“We want everyone to have the place, space and opportunity to get active and healthy and part of that is supporting and empowering volunteers in the community to have the skills, knowledge and support to address challenges and create lasting change. It is important that what volunteers do is recognised in the community.” **Jane Moody**
Active Lancashire





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“Volunteering is essential to the way we do business at BAM to support the communities we are building in. The Community Volunteer Awards are an important opportunity for us to celebrate the amazing work happening in and around Blackburn with Darwen. We are proud to sponsor all the hard work that has been happening in the community and at this event. “**Katie Tilyard – BAM Construction**



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“The College sits at the heart of our community in Blackburn with Darwen, and as such we feel it is of vital importance that we recognise the fantastic people who give up their time to support our community. Many people in our college community have either benefited directly, or indirectly, through the wonderful work of Community CVS volunteers, and we are delighted to be able to help recognise their dedication and achievements.” Dr Fazal Dad Principal Blackburn College





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“As a local charity, our volunteers are vital to the organisation, and we simply could not deliver the services or support as many people as we do without them. Our volunteers don't only give us their time – they bring a huge range of skills and experience which really add value to what we can offer for older people and help to develop the charity's services. to the local community and making a positive difference to people's lives. We are pleased to support the Community Volunteer Awards as they are one, very visible, way to say thank you to everyone who gives up their time to volunteer in Blackburn with Darwen. The borough is fortunate to have so many people who contribute in so many different ways and it is right that this is celebrated. The Awards also provide a great opportunity to promote volunteering to more people and to champion the benefits.

Vicky Shepard – BwD Age UK



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“When I sit on a table of nominated volunteers all glammed up and excited – I think... “wow! These people have worked so hard in supporting carers and the Carers Service, befriending carers, running groups and running reception. I am so proud of them.

The Awards are a fantastic way to recognise, nominate, identify and celebrate!

The Carers Service is 1 of many local organisations that come together as a community to raise the profile of Volunteers and to shout from the roof tops the amazing work they do.” **Sam Morris**
Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“We believe that volunteering is crucial for both individuals and communities alike. It serves as a cornerstone for building stronger, more cohesive societies.

Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards aligns with our organisation's values of inclusivity, empowerment, and community engagement. By championing these awards, we are contributing to the celebration of volunteers and the development of stronger, more inclusive communities for all. Through our involvement, we can add to the message of social responsibility and inspire others to actively engage in volunteer activities”. **Donna Merton CEO, Deaf Village**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteers don't give their time to be thanked or applauded, but each and everyone deserves recognition for giving their time and expertise freely.

We know that each and every volunteer deserves an award, and it is extremely difficult to choose one person or group from so many, but this award enables us to say, 'Thank You' and show our appreciation, and to shout out for all the wonderful achievements taking place within our own towns and communities.

Here at East Lancashire Hospice, our volunteers help us to save and raise thousands of pounds each year that goes directly to patient care.

The Community Volunteer Awards allows us to show our appreciation to all volunteers out there and we would like to take this opportunity to applaud each and every one of you.” **Hilary Barrett, CEO of East Lancashire Hospice**



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“PM+M is delighted to sponsor the Community Volunteer Awards – putting a spotlight on the amazing work of our local volunteers and celebrating the impact they are making in Blackburn with Darwen. The awards ensure that the people who go the extra mile to make a difference to the lives of others gain the recognition they deserve and provide us with an opportunity to say thank you to everyone who gives up their time to volunteer in the borough - we are proud to be involved!” **Ceri Dixon – Partner PM+M**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is important on a number of levels in that it gives individuals or the community a chance or an opportunity to participate in providing a stronger community. The community benefits by having services provided that otherwise would not be available because of the high cost of providing them.

The Community Volunteer Awards are a way of recognising the huge effort put into the community by people who don't get recognised or appreciated for what they do for the local community. We are very happy to be supporting such an event “**Uniting Communities Organisation**



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“Volunteering is important because it enables individuals to help others in a selfless way. When people volunteer, they may choose to help people, support good causes and provide assistance to their local community. Volunteering benefits everyone and is a terrific way to have a positive impact in the community. Volunteering is also fun and can bring fulfilment to people’s lives.

Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards is the perfect way to acknowledge the dedication, commitment and selflessness of those people who chose to volunteer.” **Lynsey Talbot Blackburn Rovers FC**



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“The Spark service is a collaborative approach made up of a group of partners offering support with any substance including opiate, stimulants, cannabis, synthetic substances and alcohol. Many of our services would not operate if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of our volunteers

By supporting the Community Volunteer Awards we celebrate, thank and show volunteers our support to their impact on services and the wider society.” **Claire Illingworth – Spark**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is essential because it strengthens the fabric of communities. It enables individuals to contribute meaningfully to local initiatives, helping to address challenges and provide support where it's most needed. For volunteers, the benefits are immense—it builds confidence, teaches new skills, and fosters a deeper connection to the community.

“Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards is a fantastic way to recognise and celebrate the invaluable work that volunteers do. These awards highlight the individuals who give their time selflessly, encouraging more people to get involved and make a difference. It's an opportunity to thank those who are at the heart of making positive change.” **Liam Smith, Community Programmes Manager at Newground Together**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is a good thing to do, you can get a lot of satisfaction out of it, and it feels good to achieve things. Volunteering is an integral part of society and of the community. Volunteers meet needs and increase the capacity of the community and are essential to healthy community life.

By sponsoring the Community Volunteer Awards, every year we have an opportunity to recognise these wonderful volunteers and say a massive thank you” **The Interfaith Forum**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is extremely important; a person volunteering gives us their time and their knowledge. Every individual who volunteers helps to improve the services that are available to our communities and in a time of austerity and increasing cuts it is so important to recognise and appreciate the difference our volunteers are making.

The Community Volunteer Awards highlight to the community that volunteering is valuable and hopefully raises the profile of volunteering. As well as recognising people who are giving their valuable time and energy to make a difference in our communities. “

Shigufta Khan CEO The Wish Centre



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is a core value for me because I believe in giving back and actively contributing to the well-being of our community. It provides a meaningful way to make a positive impact and create a sense of unity and support among people.

Personally, volunteering allows me to connect with diverse individuals and causes, broadening my perspective and deepening my understanding of the challenges we face within our society. It's very important to support the CVA as we need to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contribution of volunteers from our community. Setting the standard for future community members to follow and improve on. Most importantly is highlighting the dedication to fostering a strong and supportive community which is what Blackburn with Darwen is known for.” **Khalid Saifullah MD**
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“Volunteering is vitality important to make a positive difference and impact to people’s lives. Sharing knowledge and skills assists hugely in benefiting the local area. At Rhodar we undertake many local activities across the UK with schools, community hubs, welfare bodies. It is important to support the Community Volunteer Awards to demonstrate, support and applaud that the effort of people and community bodies who make a difference. We feel very honoured to be a part of it. It really is great that there is an avenue and a vehicle in these awards to show off the most modest individuals who make such a difference” **Darren Payne – Rhodar**



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“At SUEZ our core values are around people and the planet. It's also really important to us that we're a good neighbour to the communities around our operations, and we offer our own colleagues a day a year to volunteer for a cause that they are passionate about. We believe that it benefits both the community and our colleagues, improving the mental health and wellbeing for all involved.

As a business that cares deeply about people and the planet, we're proud to support the Community Volunteer Awards, recognising individuals who give their own time to benefit the community. “

Vic Crabtree – SUEZ





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"At Chubb Fire & Security, we believe that volunteering enhances corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, improve employee morale.

Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards aligns perfectly with Chubb Fire & Security's values and mission. These awards celebrate the selfless contributions of individuals who dedicate their time and energy to making their communities better places to live. By recognising and honouring these volunteers, we not only acknowledge their hard work and dedication but also inspire others to get involved in volunteering and build stronger relationships within the community." **Chubb**

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“Volunteering is incredibly important and can have such a wide impact on individuals and communities too. There are a range of benefits to volunteering such as learning new skills, meeting new people, improving mental health and wellbeing, and making a difference. Volunteering is extremely powerful, and the difference people can make through volunteering can be huge.

The Community Volunteer Awards are an important way to celebrate some of the boroughs amazing volunteers, to highlight volunteering in itself and the impact it has on individuals and the community.”

Becca Porter – Chip In



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is an effortless way to give back to a community – it's through the kindness of strangers that we make society a better place. Doing things out of the goodness of your heart nourishes the soul and the mind.

As a local newspaper we believe it's essential to support initiatives such as the Community Volunteer Awards as they remind people of the good in the community and how people can really make a difference, we are thrilled to partner and sponsor these awards – they're a brilliant opportunity to celebrate our amazing county and the people that make it such a special place to call home.” **Richard Duggan, Editor of the Lancashire Telegraph**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is a huge part of John Lewis Partnership’s policy to give back to the community.

It’s a wonderful way to support those in need locally whether it be your time or a donation. Volunteering is the perfect way to share skills that will bring benefit to others and the community.

Volunteers can fill skills gaps where needed, Herbert Parkinson support the Community Volunteer Awards by judging on the panel, attending the event, and providing donations, it really is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all the wonderful people who support Blackburn with Darwen” **Stuart Parker – Herbert Parkinson**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering has many benefits for small charities, a lifeline when supporting service users with multiple needs. Volunteers have an opportunity to give back, develop and learn skills that are transferable and will aid the work environment. Volunteers also bring lived experience, multi-lingual communication skills and an element of community spirit. This also helps to build communities, responsibilities, and ownership.

Volunteering the Community Volunteer Awards is a wonderful way of acknowledging volunteers for their commitment, it is important for them to feel valued and to know that their commitment is making a difference. This also encourages others to volunteer, make a difference to individuals, communities, and self-development for themselves. **Firoza Mohmed CEO Humraaz**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering in the community is a vital part for any Business. We all have to find a channel to ensure that we give something back into communities in which we trade. As a business we should demonstrate care and consideration where and when it is required within our community.

The community awards recognise the people often unseen in the background and we are proud that our organisation has been a supporter of these events for many years. We have continued to support financially, but it also, has also allowed the Company to connect with other sectors of the community, that we would normally, not have had access prior to our involvement with the CVS.” **Tony Perez MD – McDonalds**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is a terrific way for people to connect with their community, forge new relationships and learn new skills. As a business, we work a lot with local government, so we often get to see first-hand what a difference the voluntary and community sector makes.

We were thrilled to have the opportunity to support the Community Volunteer Awards. As a local, Blackburn based business, it's great for us to hear about the excellent work going on locally, and we felt this year of all years we knew it was so important to celebrate volunteers, after seeing such an enormous impact made during lock down.” **Lucy Trueman -MD Trueman Change**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“The benefits of Volunteering are incredibly wide-ranging – for the charity, the people we support, the volunteers themselves and the wider community. Volunteers work often goes unseen and might not be notice by the general public, but if it disappeared overnight everyone would realise.

The Community Volunteer Awards are therefore a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on Volunteers and the Voluntary Sector more generally. It is also a chance for the various organisations to shout about their volunteers, and to make them realise how much we value them and their commitment. I can't wait to make them all feel as special as they are.” **Jonny Cobbold - CANW**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is a basic human need; it's a fantastic opportunity and it shows that you are passionate about the organisation because you are giving your valuable time and effort. It all adds to giving you a “feel good factor.” knowing you are going out there, helping people, and helping the organisation that you are volunteering for; many organisations would not be able to function without the support and knowledge of their amazing volunteers.

It's an honour to support the Community Volunteer Awards in Blackburn with Darwen, we honour businesses, sports clubs, local entrepreneurs so it's about time we recognised our unpaid heroes. Our volunteers deserve a special evening just for them” **Ian Brown**
CEO – The Hive



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is incredibly important and an amazing opportunity for people to give back to their community and feel like they're making a difference to people's lives no matter how small.

Each individual volunteer brings their own unique skill set which organisations can use to achieve communal goals whether that's fundraising, helping the less fortunate, taking over a charities' social media account, coaching or just being present and supporting other volunteers.

Volunteers really are the backbone of our community. Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards felt like a very natural thing for us to want to be a part of” **The Mall**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is incredibly beneficial to individuals because of the skills, knowledge and experience you can gain as well as the confidence it gives people and a whole new range of social networks.

Volunteering is so important for our community because so many local services simply could not help as many people without the support of our amazing volunteers.

It's really important to us to support the Community Volunteer Awards to reward and recognise the enormous impact that volunteers in our borough have on their community. The Awards also serve as a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic work of our local voluntary sector and how residents can get involved in a wide range of opportunities.” **Sarah Johns – Healthwatch**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteers connect with each other through shared motivations and values. Volunteers give their time and trying to make their communities a better place to live, grow and work within. Volunteers reflect on their experiences and share good examples to make their communities better for all.

Whilst most who volunteer do it for their own personal and/or private reasons, it is important that Volunteers and their efforts/activities are highlighted and highlighted at such events as the Community Volunteer Awards, without Volunteers our communities would be poorer spaces.” **Voice**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“A volunteering community improves and strengthens the capacity of an organisation to help and support others. The community and the organisation benefit from the diversity of skills, experience and knowledge that can empathise and help the most multi-disadvantaged and vulnerable people.

Community Volunteer Awards are a way of showing our local volunteer's appreciation and recognition for the time and support they donate freely to our local organisations. It provides agencies a forum to gain recognition for the work volunteers do and the staff and colleagues that support them.

Awards can facilitate relationships between the different organisations and an opportunity to find out more about what others do in the community.” **Alexandra Clayton - Shelter**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering can change people’s lives, for both the person volunteering and others being supported by volunteers. It is a reciprocal process. Volunteers build stronger communities, complementing services and save a vast amount of public money on resources.

However, volunteers are human and we all like to feel appreciated. Volunteers are the backbone to many charities and voluntary groups. Without their tireless and unpaid support, many organisations would not exist that is why its so important top support events like the Community Volunteer Awards to show our appreciation, to acknowledge the amazing work that continues because of all the wonderful volunteers withing Blackburn with Darwen “**Donna Bailey Lancashire Women**



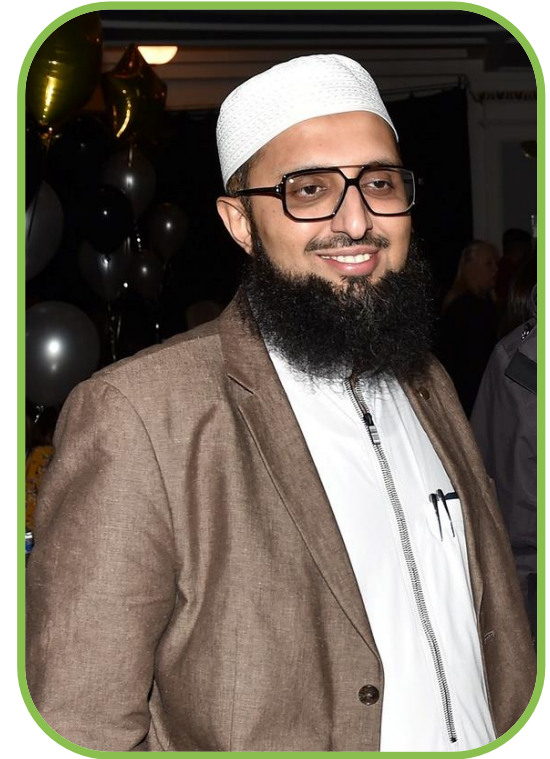
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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering helps individuals build interpersonal skills and communicate with other volunteers, which provides the foundation for engaging social relationships.

It is important to support the Community Volunteer Awards to ensure volunteers and organisations are recognised and celebrated for the great work they do in the community. Furthermore, it is important local community organisations with a keen interest in volunteers to network with each other and support each other to signpost volunteers to different roles within different organisations in the community. Within the third sector, volunteers make up a large amount of the workforce and without them multiple organisations would struggle to continue functioning and continue the vital services they give to the community.” **Mohammed Sidat**
– CEO IMO



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering for us as a firm is crucial in helping the most vulnerable members and areas of society and helping the charities and groups that help to deliver these services. It can help people to access support, to grow, develop and give them opportunities, and even change lives, depending on the situation.

We're delighted to be able to support these awards and make sure that the people who are nominated are given the recognition that they deserve. A lot of these people and groups are too busy doing such a great job in our local community that they don't take the time out to see the impact of what they are doing. The Community Volunteer Awards are a perfect platform to put the spotlight on our local heroes and celebrate their achievements” – **Reta Rose**

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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is an amazing opportunity for people to give back to their community and feel like they're making a difference to people's lives no matter how small. Volunteering doesn't just help others, but it helps the individual to connect with other people from various walks of life whilst also having amazing health benefits for the mind and body.

Having the opportunity to be part of the Community Volunteer Awards is a privilege, the amazing work that is done across Blackburn with Darwen by our dedicated volunteers is phenomenal and deserves to be celebrated. Star Tissue believe in supporting our community in any way we can “**Abid Ditta Star Tissue**”



Star Tissue



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Night safe has helped the homeless for over 30 years, volunteers have been the back bone of our service with many volunteers coming from overseas. There are massive benefits that volunteers bring to our organisation – enthusiasm, creativity, many professional skills and life skills. Night Safe simply would not work without our volunteers

The Community Volunteer Awards are a great way to support the community, thank our volunteers and all the other volunteers in Blackburn with Darwen for the amazing work they do “ **Jan Larkin**
CEO Night Safe





Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is an amazing opportunity for anyone, it helps people prepare for work, upskill and even just give something back to the community. Volunteers are truly amazing people who have special hearts, they are the strength and force of their local community.

We support the Community Volunteer Awards because we truly believe in celebrating the wonderful work our local volunteers do, on a daily basis. It is wonderful to have a platform for VCSFE organisations to support and to nominate their amazing volunteers. The event is a wonderful evening full of joy, celebration and recognition, long may they continue – **Liz Crook Care Station**



Care Station NW



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“The Most precious commodity any of us have is our time and the fact that volunteers give their time for free always inspires me. I think volunteering is a great way for people to invest themselves. Often Volunteers come with lived experience which can be so powerful for people who use services – this can often give people hope and the confidence to progress and make whatever changes they want to make. It is also an opportunity for people with lived experience to give back and smash any stigma that they and others may face due to their own personal adversity. Supporting the Community Volunteer Awards allows us the opportunity to say thank and well done to amazing, generous individuals – **Danielle Hickey CGL INSPIRE**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering brings great value to the community and what volunteers give back is huge, they do so much for people’s wellbeing. Volunteers have played a very critical role over the last decade – Covid, austerity etc our community has relied on them to deliver essential services.

Volunteers are constantly needed to meet the needs of people and their wellbeing. The impact volunteers have on the lives of Blackburn with Darwen Residents is huge, especially in the health sector this is why we are happy to support the Community Volunteer Awards – our wonderful volunteers deserve recognition.” **Roger Parr NHS**



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“Volunteering is an amazing opportunity to contribute for the benefit of others, to learn new skills and make new friends. Volunteers in Blackburn with Darwen make a huge difference to the daily running of charities, to the people they serve and the wider community.

The Community Volunteer Awards are a wonderful opportunity to take time to thank those that give their time for free and make an amazing difference to the lives of others.” **Andy Pratt Deputy Police Crime Commissioner**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“At Blackburn Youth Zone we really believe in the value and power of volunteering. Our passionate volunteers generously give their time to support and make a positive difference to the lives of young people in Blackburn with Darwen, our volunteers are integral to our success. This is the reason we decided to support the Community Volunteer Awards to celebrate and thank our wonderful volunteers and all the other volunteers in Blackburn with Darwen” **Hannah Allen CEO – Blackburn Youth Zone**



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Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“At Euro Garages we believe in supporting our local community in any way we can. The volunteers do an amazing job in Blackburn with Darwen and make a huge positive impact on our community and our residents. Volunteers are amazing they offer their time for free and deserve the recognition the Community Volunteer Awards offers them. We are proud to sponsor such an event, that celebrates the wonderful work that goes on daily, whether its supporting individuals, tidying up the streets, teaching sports, organising festivals or fundraising “Euro Garages



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“At DPM Group we understand how volunteers are the backbone of many organisations and charities in Blackburn with Darwen. I have personally volunteered and always found it to be rewarding and worthwhile.

The Community Volunteer Awards are a fantastic way of saying thank you to all the wonderful work and dedication that the Blackburn with Darwen Volunteers contribute to our community day in and day out. We are very proud to be sponsoring such an event “**Fida Ashraf – DPM Security**”



Why do you think it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards?

“For individuals, the benefits of volunteering are enormous! Volunteering benefits people facing issues such as low mood, anxiety, depression, low confidence, and the benefits can last a lifetime! Volunteering as part of a team with a common goal helps people form bonds with others that can be life changing.

Community & Business Partners are committed to contributing to our community and aim to build long term relationships with likeminded organisations by supporting and adding value to good local causes. By supporting the Community Volunteer Awards, Community & Business Partners are helping to celebrate the wonderful, dedicated people who contribute and make a difference in the borough” **Amanda Meachin CEO – Community & Business Partners**



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“Volunteering is so crucial; it says so much about a person if they do volunteer, to put in your time and effort into an organisation or project without getting paid, to me, says that this person is selfless, hardworking and an open mind which are such important qualities which we look for in employees.

I believe it's important to support the Community Volunteer Awards or any initiatives that both recognises the exceptional contribution volunteers make, and to inspire others to take up volunteering themselves. In my experience, nothing is more inspiring than hearing from others - what better way to do that than to celebrate all the exceptional people and work they have done for others! “**Celia Gaze** – CEO The Wellbeing Farm

