

Nominations for the RAF Community Plate

Town Council Meeting

22nd April 2024

The RAF Community Plate was presented to the Town of Barnstaple in 1974 to be awarded annually by the full Town Council to an individual or group deemed by the Council to have made an outstanding contribution to the wellbeing of the community during the foregoing year (Standing Order 29. RAF Community Plate).

The presentation of the RAF Community Plate shall be made at the Annual Town Meeting, on Monday 29th April.

Councillor	Nominee	Reason for Nomination
Julie Hunt	Freedom Centre	Verbal report at the meeting
Val Elkins	Sound it Out Dementia Support Group	<p>Meet every fortnight at Christ Church Barnstaple</p> <p>They support both carers and people with dementia with advice when required plus lots of singing and fun.</p> <p>Drinks and homemade cakes are also a lovely part of the day. All the people involved are volunteers that are truly passionate about helping, some have had the experience of caring themselves for a loved one.</p> <p>There is no charge to attend so open for everyone although they do accept small donations.</p>
Louisa York	Barnstaple Ladies Choir	<p>I would like to put forward a recommendation that Barnstaple Ladies Choir (BLC) receives the RAF Community Plate in 2024.</p> <p>Whilst I acknowledge that there are multiple groups worthy of recognition for their work in the community, it is significant that the BLC are celebrating their 40th Anniversary in 2024. The award would be an accolade commensurate with their achievements in the performing arts over such a long time.</p> <p>BLC have been singing all over North Devon and beyond for 40 years entertaining while raising funds for local charities. They are very proud of what they have achieved and recently celebrated their anniversary by holding a Grand Variety Concert with their Musical friends from the district.</p> <p>I was invited, as Mayor, to this concert and can honestly say the BLC are an incredibly talented and professional group of singers. The concert showcased a varied repertoire of songs and was</p>

		<p>interspersed with individual performances from guest artists and upcoming talent.</p> <p>The late Nigel Brookes BEM gladly accepted an offer to become their President in 2005 and the BLC were extremely honoured that he composed his last piece especially for them to perform at their anniversary concert.</p>
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