



CrimeStoppers. **Volunteer** **Awards 2020**

Winners,
Runner Up and
Highly Commended

Volunteer of the Year Award

Jane McCann, Warwickshire and West Mercia Committee

"Jane has done a brilliant job in stepping up to the plate in the last 18 months, for which we're hugely grateful as well as hugely impressed."



Overview

Jane is an extremely passionate volunteer; she is innovative and thinks ahead in terms of how Crimestoppers can be accessible to the general community. Jane is also well respected across both police forces within West Mercia and Warwickshire. Last summer, the West Mercia and Warwickshire Committees reached out to Worcester University students by creating safer festival packs, for those attending music festivals.

Judges' comments

The judges felt that Jane ticked all the boxes in terms of the set criteria, especially with regard to her commitment, passion and dedication - as well as exemplary positivity in keeping the West Mercia and Warwickshire Committees on the road despite the loss of their Regional Manager during 2019.

Crime Awareness Committee of the Year Award

Northamptonshire Committee

"Exceptionally high degree of teamwork including a high proportion of tasked and active members."



Overview

The committee has:

- Delivered theatre productions to over 1,500 students
- Cut arson by 50%
- Facilitated events attended by over 700 people
- Delivered the Fearless message to over 10,000 students, with a further 4,000 due to be delivered to this year
- Worked with the Northampton Town FC Kicks programme to ensure Fearless is a part of their delivered workshops
- Funded a schools Knife Crime Rap to deliver the Fearless message to Northamptonshire students about the effects of knife crime.

Judges' comments

The judges were particularly impressed by the tireless work that they have undertaken over the last 18 months in and around the hard to reach communities within Northampton, and other urban centres such as Wellingborough.



Youth Volunteer Award

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, Glasgow

"Terrific nomination - they more than pass the bar against the criteria"



Overview

Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, Glasgow have proactively supported each of our Fearless Scotland campaigns. They supported the Scotland Fearless Hate Crime campaign in January, spending time packing boxes filled with our expert partners' resources and our posters, which were then sent to every police division in Scotland. These resources were then distributed to schools and youth groups.

Judges' comments

The judges were hugely impressed in particular by their wide-ranging and varied contribution to promoting and enhancing the Fearless/Crimestoppers brand in their region, including imaginative initiatives such as the one at Glasgow Central Station during Holocaust Memorial Week to raise awareness of hate crime by distributing leaflets and talking with young people.



Fundraiser of the Year Award

Linda Grove, West Country Committee

"Over a lengthy and sustained period of time Linda has been a tireless and inspirational fundraiser for the charity"



Overview

In the past two years alone, Linda has raised a phenomenal £35,679 for the West Country Committee. This is a tremendous amount of money which has made it possible in particular for the committee to maintain its commitment to the 'What Would You Do?' programme.

Judges' comments

The judges were "deeply impressed" in particular by her work on the 'papering' scheme to turn huge gains to the West Country Committee from selling donated unsold theatre seats.

Unsung Hero Award

Carol Elliott, Greater Manchester Committee

"Carol describes herself as an ordinary committee member but is in no way ordinary, she is an inspiration to all and a tireless advocate for the charity".



Overview

Carol has been a volunteer with Crimestoppers for over 14 years, working tirelessly to make Greater Manchester safer. She has always willingly volunteered to give a presentation or attend an event on behalf of Crimestoppers. She has given numerous presentations over the years to Neighbourhood Watch Conferences, attended Police Community Events, festivals, schools, Women's Institutes, CSP events, and she represents the committee on the Manchester Modern Slavery Forum. She also attended the Manchester Against Knife Crime vigil and conference at Manchester Cathedral with a Crimestoppers stand.

Judges' comments

The judges felt that Carol personified perfectly the spirit of this particular award, who in her nomination was described as being "the heart and energy of the committee" and for over 14 years has rarely missed a meeting, always being available to give talks or attend events.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lynne Hope, Humberside Committee

"Lynne continues to be an invaluable volunteer. But not only that, she's a wonderful, kind, genuine lady; she has a passion and drive that few can say has lasted so many decades."



Overview

In 2018, as part of our 30 year anniversary, as interim Chair for Crimestoppers Humberside, she had an exciting fundraising idea to raise money for the committee, an abseil off the K2 building in Hull. She secured use of the building, refreshments and the abseil company for free, with the committee only paying for the insurance. By then, Lynne was almost 70. Determined that age is just a number (nothing deters this woman), she took part in the abseil, and went up for a second go "just for fun".

Judges' comments

The judges were impressed by Lynne's unbroken advocacy on behalf of Crimestoppers going back 25 years. Being always well-connected, Lynne has unfailingly lost no opportunity to utilise such contacts to promote Crimestoppers. A venture of note that caught the judges' attention was Lynne's idea a number of years ago of a 'Crime Bus' (which she personally secured), which was decked out with a prominent Crimestoppers logo as well as materials, leaflets and posters. This Crime Bus was used to get attention in a wide range of needy communities to ensure the people there had access to and information on crime prevention, advice and support.

CEO's Corporate Volunteer Award

Bristol Water

"They have a long-term passion for our cause and outstanding commitment."

Overview

Without exception, Bristol Water support every fundraising event that we hold and have never missed a Christmas Party or Golf Day, which has helped raise thousands of pounds over the last few years for the Crimestoppers West Country Committee. Annually, Bristol Water nominate Crimestoppers for one of their community days, where staff hold fundraising events at head office.

Judges' comments

The judges felt that this award deserved to go to Bristol Water on the basis of their long-term passion for our cause, and outstanding commitment and support to the West Country Committee.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Clarasys

"They are willing to help, receptive to suggestions, insightful, committed to doing their best and professional."



Overview

A team of 14 individuals from Clarasys have chosen to spend their time while furloughed (due to Covid 19) volunteering for Crimestoppers. They have collectively taken on three specific projects on volunteering, performance and analysis. They are giving their time and skills to help us overcome some specific issues, help us focus on what needs to be done (prioritising) and develop quality in our work on these areas.

Judges' comments

Clarasys' furloughed volunteers have made an amazing contribution to the charity in the last three months during the period of Covid-related lockdown, with an inestimable value.



Runner Up

Volunteer of the Year Award and Lifetime Achievement Award

Pete Anderson, West Country Committee

Judges wanted to highlight Pete for his superb services he has given the charity since 2009.

Overview

Pete works tirelessly, steering Crimestoppers in the West Country towards its annual goals. He does so with gratitude and grace - although he is very busy both at work and with his family, he always finds time for the Crimestoppers committee and its work.

Judges' comments

Pete has significantly advanced the profile and impact of the West Country Committee in particular, and Crimestoppers in general, over that time and continues to be an inspirational leader who is as popular as he is respected.

Highly Commended

Volunteer of the Year Award

Colin Dobinson, Essex Committee

Shaun Johnson, Northamptonshire Committee

Crime Awareness Committee of the Year

Hampshire Committee

West Country Committee

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Unsung Hero Award

Dave Wright, Surrey Committee

Sue Thompson, South East Committee

Lifetime Achievement Award

Jane Hutchinson, Hampshire Committee

Jo Kline, Gloucestershire Committee

