

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **MIDSOMER NORTON CIVIC DAY 2013**

This year's Midsomer Norton's Civic Service was hosted on Sunday by Welton Baptist Church at Somervale School. Local residents and representatives from community groups celebrated community with hymns, readings, prayers and live drama before the event culminated with the Midsomer Awards.

"As a Council, we are very keen to acknowledge those who give their time volunteering and make such a huge difference to our town. This year there are ten awards to people nominated by residents, community groups and councillors", said Cllr Paul Myers, Mayor of Midsomer Norton.

This year's awards included:

**Outstanding Design Contribution:** For the design of the proposed Town Park concept, presented by Cllr Richard Robertson to Neil Ross.

**Outstanding Officer Contribution:** For commitment to the town's CAP initiative, presented by Cllr Michael Evans to Sue Dicks of Bath & North East Somerset Council.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** For dedicated service emptying litter bins, presented by Cllr Lynda Robertson to Idris Smith.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** For services to Twinning over 30 years, presented by Cllr Steve Plumley to Roy & Molly Kemp.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** For initiating and developing Community Speedwatch, presented by Cllr Paul Myers to Peter Wilkins.

**Outstanding Volunteer Award:** For chairing PACT and Community Speedwatch, presented by Cllr Brian Lawrence to Michael Rich.

**Community Group Achievement of the Year:** For bringing honour to the town by achieving promotion to its highest competitive level, presented by Cllr Steve Plumley to Midsomer Norton RFC.

**Community Initiative of the Year:** For creating and running library arts events, presented by Cllr Paul Myers to the Midsomer Norton Library Team in the library earlier this week.

**Community Group of the Year:** For services to wildlife in Midsomer Norton, presented by Cllr Paul Myers to Silver Street Nature Reserve Volunteers.

**Community Volunteer of the Year:** For services to the Midsomer Norton Forum, presented by Cllr Paul Myers to Luke Barnes.

Medals or trophies as well as commemorative certificates were presented to the award winners in front of a large audience representing many of the community groups in Midsomer Norton, as well as Town Councillors and Jacob Rees-Mogg, MP for North East Somerset. Following the service and the awards, a reception was held at which award winners enjoyed the opportunity to meet each other and members of the community over a cup of tea and an amazing selection of home-made cakes.