



BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

CIVIC MEDALLION

Introduction

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council operates the Civic Medallion scheme which seeks to give official recognition to people who have given 'meritorious service' to the Borough.

The Civic Medallion is the second highest honour the Borough can bestow. The scheme has been in operation since 1981, during which time 34 medallions have been awarded.

Although the scheme is deliberately loosely defined, in practice it includes exceptional service to a community within the Borough given by an individual – or in special circumstances, groups – usually over many years and most likely (though not exclusively) from within the voluntary sector (i.e. not as part of someone's employment).

The medallion

To mark the award, recipients receive a medallion which is 50mm (2") wide, manufactured in gilt metal, has a full inscription on the reverse of why the award has been made and comes in a presentation box.

Recipients will also receive invitations to various high-level civic events to demonstrate the Council's ongoing appreciation.

In addition, the Council provides a smaller version of the medallion on a ribbon, which award holders can wear when they attend formal civic receptions.



The nomination process

The nomination process is made through Borough Councillors. Nominees must be people who have made an outstanding contribution and who have been highly active in participating towards community life.

Nominations must be supported by a full description of the nominee's achievements which are endorsed by at least two testimonials from people who have benefited from the work of the nominee (excluding the nominee's family and close friends).

Once a nomination has been made, a small group of members, including the Mayor and the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, will meet to consider whether the nomination should go forward to the Cabinet and then onto Full Council for approval.

The nomination and consideration process should, understandably, be conducted in confidence in order to save the blushes of the nominee whether or not an award is made.

If the full Council agree to make an award, the formal presentation will be made by the Mayor at a subsequent meeting.

Serving members of the Council and paid employees of TWBC are not eligible to be considered for the award of a Civic Medallion.



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CIVIC MEDALLION HOLDERS

Name	Date of Award	Citation
Mrs Dorothy Berry	2 February 1982	Service to music and, in particular, to the Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra
Mr Kenneth Pengelly	31 January 1984	Service to the religious, cultural and artistic life of the Borough
Mr Herbert C Story	8 January 1986	Service to the Trinity Arts Centre
Mr Brian and Mrs Margaret Hemsley	1 March 1988	Charitable work as Pearly King and Queen of the Borough of Tunbridge Wells
Miss Joanne Round	31 January 1989	In recognition of her notable success at the Seoul Paralympics in 1988
Mr John Francis	23 January 1990	In recognition of his musical achievements and contribution to the musical life of the Borough
Mr James and Mrs Alice Pope	5 February 1991	In recognition of their work for multiple sclerosis sufferers in the Borough
Mr Roger Holman	30 June 1992	In recognition of his selfless care and support shown over many years for gypsies and other travelling people as well as other needy individuals
Mr Simon Bender	28 January 1993	In recognition of his immense effort in raising over £1m towards the cost of supplying and installing cancer scanning equipment at Pembury Hospital, for the benefit of all residents of the Borough

Miss Patience Thesiger 1 February 1994 In recognition of her considerable contribution, over many years, to the cultural and artistic life of the Borough

Trinity Arts Centre 25 April 1995 In recognition of its significant contribution to the cultural, educational and social life of the area and its vital role in preserving an important part of the town's heritage, namely the retention and maintenance of the Decimus Burton church building

Mr Alan and Mrs
Barbara Maynard 25 April 2000 In recognition of their outstanding contribution to local charities, through their work for the Hawkenbury Allotment Holders' Association and in particular their Annual Garden Show

Mr Martyn Hepworth 30 January 2001 In recognition of his significant contribution, over a period of many years, towards the cultural and artistic life of the Borough, most notably in his work with the Tunbridge Wells Open Drama Festival

Mr Allan Pease 30 January 2001 In recognition of his exceptional work for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, spanning over 35 years, in helping to relieve the suffering of people with MS

Mr Ken Ferguson 29 January 2002 In recognition of his exceptional work, as manager of Tunbridge Wells Creative Employment Services, in helping people with a learning disability – and their families – to achieve a sense of hope and economic worth

Mr Ronald King 8 December 2004 In recognition of his exceptional contribution towards the welfare of the community through his work, over many years, with local charities and public bodies

Mr Michael Holman 16 June 2006 In recognition of his exceptional contribution towards the successful working of the Tunbridge Wells Twinning and Friendship Association

Mr Tom MacAndrew 16 June 2006 In recognition of his outstanding work towards establishing reconciliation, understanding and lasting friendship between the people of Tunbridge Wells and Wiesbaden

Mrs Muriel Reeves 8 October 2008 In recognition of over 30 years' outstanding service for the benefit of the community of Rusthall

Mr Mike Bassett 8 October 2008 In recognition of his tireless and selfless work, successfully leading the Rusthall Community & Youth Project

Mrs Pamela Bridges 21 October 2009 In recognition of her 25 years of work for the St George's Community Children's Project, helping children in the community enjoy affordable and good quality childcare and for her successful running of the Mayor's Toy Appeal for the past 20 years

Mr Ronald Fisher 21 October 2009 In recognition of his tireless and selfless voluntary work, over many years and in a wide variety of ways, helping and supporting the community of Speldhurst

Mr John and Mrs Barbara Uren 20 October 2010 In recognition of their tireless work over many years supporting the community of Lamberhurst

Mr Philip Whitbourn 17 October 2012 In recognition of his tireless work over many years to protect, conserve and enhance the architectural heritage of Royal Tunbridge Wells

Mr Peter Crawford	17 October 2012	In recognition of his tireless and selfless work to improve the community of Broadwater, and his many years of service funding raising for the British Legion and for BLESMA
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Mr Kevin Lynes	17 October 2012	In recognition of his immense and long-standing contribution to the sense of well-being in the communities of Sherwood, Pembury and St James'
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T.S. Brilliant	12 October 2014	In recognition of its long tradition of service to the community and the lasting benefit it has brought to the cadets under its care
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Mr Paul Dunton	14 October 2015	For tirelessly promoting local, talented musicians to perform and entertain
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129 (Tunbridge Wells) Squadron Air Training Corps	20 April 2016	In recognition of the Squadron's sustained excellence and significant achievements over 75 years
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Jason Dormon	12 December 2018	In recognition of more than 25 years championing live music and arts in Tunbridge Wells
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