

## Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Heckington & District Agricultural Society has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary service.

It is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. Created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The Queen's coronation, it is the MBE for volunteer groups. It is a tremendous recognition of the truly exceptional dedication and service of the whole Heckington Show team and a tremendous honour for us all.

The nomination was full of praise for the energy and commitment of the Heckington Show team. Our "can do" attitude means we have put on shows when flood and pestilence have stopped so many others. The dedication of the team, across generations and in many individual cases over decades was particularly highlighted.

This is also a double celebration for our village, as the Windmill Trust have also received the award. We believe this is the first time since 2012 that any organisations in Lincolnshire have received the Award which is a testament to the truly unique spirit to be found in our community.

A signed certificate from Her Majesty The Queen and an English Crystal with the logo insignia will be presented to the Show by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire on the first day of this year's event - Saturday 28th July.

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### **The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service**

*The MBE for volunteer groups*

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN has been graciously pleased to confer Her Awards in 2018 upon the following groups in recognition of their outstanding voluntary work in the community.

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## EAST MIDLANDS

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<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
<b>DERBYSHIRE</b> The Enthusiasm Trust	Believing in the best for young people and giving them the opportunity to contribute and make change in their communities.
<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE</b> Ladybrook Enterprises	Providing a wide range of services to empower, support and improve the lives of those living within Mansfield.
Nottingham Women's Centre	Helping women achieve amazing things and campaigning for gender equality.

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## EAST OF ENGLAND

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<i>Voluntary Group</i>	<i>Activity Description</i>
<b>BEDFORDSHIRE</b> Bedford and District Cerebral Palsy Society	Enabling children with complex disabilities and their families to live life their way.
Friends of Harold-Odell Country Park	Fostering opportunities for conservation, education, outdoor recreation and raising awareness of countryside activities.
Mandip Mudhar Memorial Foundation	Raising awareness of the importance of organ donation within the South Asian community.
Tibbs Dementia Foundation (TDF)	A strong, vibrant community built by dedicated volunteers and staff, supporting people to live well with dementia.
<b>CAMBRIDGESHIRE</b> Peterborough Sailability	Providing sailing for disabled people, giving them enjoyment and a feeling of independence.
Railworld Wildlife Haven	Creating habitats for nature and model railways.
<b>HERTFORDSHIRE</b> HertsWatch	Developing neighbourhood watch through HertsWatch to create safer, informed communities and reduce crime in Hertfordshire.
Mediation Hertfordshire	Providing mediation and conflict resolution services to the community.
Samaritans of South West Herts	Providing emotional support to anyone in distress and reaching out to high risk groups in the local community.
St Albans Musical Museum Society	The preservation of mechanical musical instruments and Theatre Organs for the benefit and education of the public.
Waterways Experiences	Volunteers enabling the disabled and disadvantaged to navigate and explore the local canal.
<b>LINCOLNSHIRE</b> Heckington & District Agricultural Society	Celebrating and supporting rural and community life in Lincolnshire through the annual Heckington Show.
Heckington Windmill Trust	Regenerating and operating the unique 8 Sail Heckington Windmill as a national educational and community resource.
Queen Street School Preservation Trust	Saving and restoring Samuel Wilderspin's Model Infant School and providing museum and educational services.
<b>NORFOLK</b> White Horse Development Trust (CIC)	Norfolk's first community owned pub and restaurant and Upton community shop – serving Upton in the Norfolk Broads.
<b>SUFFOLK</b> Upbeat Heart Support	Providing cardiac exercise and support for people and their carers, who have had heart attacks or other related problems.

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