

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive for Decision 21 September 2021

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Policy and Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Citizen of Honour Award – Special Group Achievement Category</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Democratic Services
<b>Corporate Priorities:</b>	Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities

**Purpose:**

To consider the proposal of presenting a Special Group Achievement Award under the Citizen of Honour scheme, to Acts of Kindness (Solent) for its outstanding contribution and support to the residents of the Borough.

**Executive summary:**

The Executive has previously agreed arrangements for a Special Group Achievement Category under the Citizen of Honour Award Scheme for outstanding contribution in support of the local community and voluntary groups and organisations in the Borough.

It is proposed that a Special Group Achievement award be presented to Acts of Kindness (Solent) to recognise its outstanding contribution to improving the lives of residents of the Borough.

**Recommendation/Recommended Option:**

It is recommended that the Executive agrees to present Acts of Kindness (Solent) with a Citizen of Honour Special Group Achievement Award in recognition of its outstanding contribution and support of the local community and the residents of the borough of Fareham.

**Reason:**

To recognise the contribution made to the lives of Fareham residents by Acts of Kindness (Solent).

**Cost of proposals:**

The cost of this proposal is to be met from existing resources for civic events.

**Appendices:** None

**Background papers:** None

**Reference papers:** [Executive Report](#) – 9 March 2009  
Citizen of Honour Award Scheme -Special Achievement  
Category

[Executive Report](#) – 9 July 2018  
Citizen of Honour Award Scheme – Special Group  
Achievement Category

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### Executive Briefing Paper

<b>Date:</b>	21 September 2021
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<b>Briefing by:</b>	Head of Democratic Services
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#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Citizen of Honour award scheme was introduced in 1996 to recognise notable voluntary and unpaid service provided to the community by Borough residents. It was first modified in 2001 to include young citizens who had acted bravely, undertook regular selfless acts or were adapting to a disability.
2. The Special Achievement category was introduced in 2009 to recognise residents who had made a notable and significant achievement in their field, and in July 2018 the Executive agreed arrangements for a Special Group Achievement category to recognise and celebrate special achievements to allow occasional awards to be made to community groups, voluntary organisations and charities that have made outstanding contributions to the lives of people living in the Borough. Unlike the normal Citizen of Honour Awards, nominations can be put forward at any time.
3. This report seeks approval for a Special Group Achievement award to be made to Acts of Kindness (Solent) in recognition of its outstanding contribution and support to improving the lives of residents of the Borough.

#### BACKGROUND

4. Acts of Kindness (Solent) was founded by Kerry Snuggs, (previous Citizen of Honour award winner) in 2014 to help people in the local community and now has more than 200 volunteers. It helps those facing immediate crisis with food, clothing and furniture and helps with community projects ranging from gardening projects through to laptops for children and dedicated Easter and Christmas campaigns.
5. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the charity has fed more than 7,000 people, providing enough food for seven days including fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and eggs to provide a nutritious menu. It continues to feed around 200 people a week.

## **PROPOSAL**

6. It is proposed that a Special Group Achievement award be presented to Acts of Kindness (Solent) in recognition of their outstanding contribution and support to people living in the Borough.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no significant financial implications associated with this award. As per the scheme agreed by the Executive, any costs will be covered by the existing Civic events budget.

## **CONCLUSION**

8. That the Executive agrees to present Acts of Kindness (Solent) with a Citizen of Honour Special Group Achievement Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution and support of the local community and the residents of the borough of Fareham.
9. An engraved shield will be presented to Acts of Kindness (Solent) by the Mayor.

## **Enquiries:**

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