

## Rushmoor Celebrates Volunteering 2016!



Volunteers who support local voluntary groups and charities in Rushmoor were given formal recognition and thanks for their contribution to the community at an Awards Ceremony held in Farnborough on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The event to recognise volunteers is held annually by Rushmoor Voluntary Services (RVS) and Rushmoor Borough Council to thank local volunteers for their work in the community.

Over 50 volunteers from 30 different organisations were nominated and attended the event, which was hosted by the Mayor of Rushmoor, Cllr. Jacqui Vosper. The volunteers received a certificate of thanks to mark the occasion. The Leader of the Council, Cllr. David Clifford and Corporate Director, Ian Harrison also gave words of support to the volunteers, RVS and local voluntary action.



Volunteers nominated by their organisations provide important regular help and support to a wide range of local projects and charities included:

Ist Hawley Brownies  
Age Concern Farnborough  
Contact the Elderly  
Farnborough Community Centre  
Fleet Pond Society  
Limbcare  
NE Hants Vanguard – CCG  
Prospect Big Local PEBL  
Cultural Centre  
The Anaphylaxis Campaign  
The Vine Centre

Aerobility  
Aldershot Library  
Everest Times  
Farnborough & District Stroke Aphasia  
HCC Children's Services  
Magar Association  
Parents Action group  
Citizens Advice Rushmoor  
St Michael's Junior School  
The Sailors Society  
We'll Meet Again

Branches  
Farnborough Neighbourcare  
Fernhill Primary School  
Headsmart  
MCCH Wellbeing Centre  
Parity for Disability  
Rushmoor Diabetes Group Shiva  
Surrey Heath Veterans Project  
The Source

Cllr. Jacqui Vosper, Mayor of Rushmoor, paid tribute to all the volunteers who work with so many different organisations to support the community in Rushmoor.

Greg Alexander, Chief Executive of Rushmoor Voluntary Services said 'Volunteering in Rushmoor continues to be thriving with people supporting many causes to help people from all walks of life. The contribution of local volunteers cannot be underestimated – we have willing and skilled people who are regularly giving their time to work with older and disabled people, children and families and many other community projects. As services provided by Government fall, we in the voluntary sector are committed to working with other agencies to help fill gaps and develop new ways of working'.

Terry Snuggs, the Volunteer Centre Co-ordinator who helped organise the event with support from Rushmoor Borough Council said 'our event has shown the rich mix of volunteers in Rushmoor. We have met many volunteers today who have been involved with their organisation for over 20 years each – this shows the dedication and loyalty of local people who want to make a positive difference to others'

Our recent Volunteer Survey in Rushmoor showed that at least 3300 people are actively volunteering in the Borough – these volunteers are making an economic contribution of over £6m! (based on IVO data).

Rushmoor Volunteer Centre find and place over 200 new volunteers each year and can provide all the help and information you need to get involved in local voluntary work. For more information, please contact Terry Snuggs at Rushmoor Volunteer Centre on 01252 540162 or visit [www.rvs.org.uk](http://www.rvs.org.uk)

