



Welcome to our second virtual Place to be Proud of Awards, after 17 years of meeting and celebrating our community heroes face to face, this time for a second year we have to adapt and ask you to welcome us into your home instead. We hope this will mean that even more people will be able to witness this unique celebration of the people of Basingstoke and Deane that do so much to make this a place we can all be proud of.

The Place to be Proud of Awards always celebrate those people, projects and organisations that make Basingstoke special and this year there is the added poignancy that we are perhaps more appreciative and understanding of what a supportive community means.

Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters that have, in this extraordinary year made this awards programme possible, each award is sponsored by a local business that understands the importance of supporting our community, they are also supported by the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

Thanks also to Dave Holby-Wolinski, previous winner and ambassador for all things Basingstoke, for being our compere once again. His passion and enthusiasm make him the perfect host for these awards.

These awards are organised by Destination Basingstoke, we are a small not-for-profit company that prides itself on putting on events that showcase our community – its people, businesses and environment. As well as the Place to be Proud of Awards, these events include the Basingstoke Half Marathon, INSPIRE Business Awards, The Hampshire OctoberFest. In these difficult times your support and encouragement to ours and every other community focussed organisation is much appreciated.



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Arts and Entertainment Award



The nominations:

Exit 6

Exit 6 has become a new staple of the festival circuit for many emerging film-makers and each year the small festival has grown. During 2020 the festival took the leap online and where many other festivals had failed - Exit 6 was a success. It was able to have guests from all over the world and contributions from industry experts such as Actors Burn Gorman (The Dark Knight Rises, Pacific Rim: Uprising) and Shelly Conn (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), Editor Jeff Ford (Avengers: Endgame, Avengers: Infinity War) and many more. The team behind the event work for free in their spare time and have managed to put the town of Basingstoke on the cinematic map.

Overton TV

Overton TV was set up during the first lockdown by a group of local people led by Darren Wingham who is also the lead presenter. It is a community project with lots going on and has a YouTube Channel, website and Facebook page to join the community together and ensure that people are entertained and feel part of the community even when they can't join together.

Lisa Jane School of Dance

Lisa Jane School of Dance has been running for over 30 years and have gone above and beyond during Covid by offering free dance classes, dance workshops from industry professionals. Now they are back teaching on Zoom making it super easy and affordable and enjoyable for students. They have had dressing up days, and are still offering exams for children so they can continue and progress in their dancing.

Jodie Marsh-Hoffman - 'Junk Jodie'

When many artists have struggled during the past year, Jodie Marsh-Hoffman, better known at 'Junk Jodie' has risen to the challenge. Jodie is a craft-maker, visual artist, storyteller and actress, based in Basingstoke. At the early stages of her career, Jodie is best known for her brilliant way of engaging children using the power of the arts. Jodie normally works as a freelance artist, working for cultural organisations and institutions, festivals, schools and councils as well as online production companies all over the UK but unfortunately the pandemic put a stop to this. Her approach to engaging with local residents in lockdown to help them "keep creative and positive during lockdown" has been amazing. Jodie's work has always supported positive mental wellbeing and has always been accessible, but her great ideas led her to create a free new YouTube Channel to be enjoyed by families in lockdown.

Creative Arts Department QMC

Since October 2020, Queen Mary's College Creative Arts and Technologies department has been working with local schools as part of the National Saturday Club project to engage with students aged between 13-14 who have an interest and passion for the creative arts. QMC staff set about delivering the project in half-term cycles, even during the pandemic, as staff and students were easily able to adapt to online learning and delivery. The remote learning was made even easier once the specific Amazon care-packages of materials were delivered to each student's houses. Not even Covid could stop their learning!

Josh Dixon - Pumpkin Pantos

Josh Dixon, Artistic Director of Pumpkin Pantos: During lockdown Josh entertained Basingstoke families of all ages with his unique storytelling videos, 'Basing Folk Tales', which were broadcast on Basingstoke Festival's social media channels as part of the Art in Unusual Times programme of work during February 2021. These clever rhyming stories, featuring characters such as Prince Patrick of Popley in Cinderella and Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk who went to BCOT and discovered the giant in Eastrop Park, were a real hit and put smiles back on the faces of people from Basingstoke during what was quite a dark time for some.

Parent in a Million



Claire Weatherhead

Claire Weatherhead spent most her life caring for others, as well as always being a second mum to her sisters' children while she was ill in December. Claire and her husband have their own children some of whom live with challenging conditions. Claire and her husband go above and beyond working to help other families in need by making up and delivering food parcels and toy parcels to help others in need.

Katie Loosely

Katie Loosely is the most phenomenal mum to a beautiful girl with very complex medical needs. Despite her obvious worries during the pandemic, and at all other times, Katie has continued to support her community through her role at Viables Community Centre by holding support groups, facilitating socially distanced arts and crafts, messy play and baby sensory sessions, as well as continue to help deploy volunteers who have been supporting those with dementia or those who are shielding for various reasons. Her ability to keep striving, trying and fighting to ensure the needs of her daughter are met, along with those of others is truly remarkable

Carol Soane

Carol lives alone. Her father, who she misses dearly, passed away in 2016 and she became carer of her elderly mother whilst working at Basingstoke Hospital. Not driving she relies on lifts, buses or taxis across town. When the pandemic hit and she no longer felt comfortable working in the hospital and potentially putting her mother at risk so she reluctantly resigned. With no pension to fall back on, she has had to persevere on very little she was able to form a bubble with her mother but still had to travel almost every day to care for her, keep her company and ensure she stayed safe and healthy. This has become more of a challenge as her own mobility has declined recently as she awaits a hip replacement.

Community Project

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M3 Job Club

The M3 Job Club aims to help those who have been out of work to navigate the challenges of getting back to full time employment by providing workshops, training sessions, skill development training, assistance with CV and LinkedIn profiling. In addition, there is assistance and guidance with interview techniques and providing advice on how to win that job. Many nominators have described the service the M3 Job Club provides as a practical, positive and encouraging environment for those out of work to network which enables them to share experiences and support each other on their journeys back to work.

Inspero

Inspero promotes healthy eating and living through food growing, baking and cooking programmes: Love2Grow; Love2Bake; Love2Cook. The group also run Forest School classes including outdoor cooking for local children helping them to learn about nature and the outdoors. Inspero work with all young people, particularly young people from disadvantaged communities in Basingstoke, inspiring them to achieve in life. They run affordable cooking, forest school and horticultural classes for young people and adults. The adult classes are part of their Green Therapy programme which takes place in their award winning Kempshott Community Garden.

Camrose Centre Team & Centre Manager Clare Farrow

The Camrose Centre opens its doors for people in Basingstoke who are homeless or vulnerably housed and need a kind, listening ear or support to help rebuild their lives. The wonderful volunteers cook up hot meals and provide those people most in need with some clean dry clothing.

The Covid pandemic forced the centre to shut its doors, but Clare and her team worked tirelessly to make Camrose covid safe so they could open again to the community. Further lockdowns didn't dampen the teams drive to help their clients who so depend on the services that Camrose provide. They have been continuing to offer packages of clothing and food and have even provided a hot food delivery service to people vulnerably housed in accommodation without catering facilities

The Volunteer Team at the Hampshire Court Covid Vaccination Centre

Liz Mayon-Smith and her team of volunteers at Hampshire Court Hotel are a great bunch of individuals. All doing a great job both clinical teams and volunteers. (Some supplied by local Rotary Groups.)

The outdoor volunteers are there in all weathers, ensuring people park and get their vaccines safely. The overall system is flawless and many of the visitors have a pleasant experience and leave smiling and overflowing with "thank yous"

Viables Community Centre

Viables Community Centre has worked hard throughout the year, both when open to the public and when closed. They have been providing support groups for new parents, support for those with dementia, creating activity packs to deliver out to our Memory Club attendees and starting projects that have enabled people to get online to meet with us for support, social interaction and seated exercise. All of these things have been facilitated by both staff and volunteers.

Unsung Hero

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Mark Jones

Mark Jones of the Ark Cancer Charity, Winchester Hospice and the Hampshire Hospital fund is one of the most driven, enthusiastic, kind and caring people you will ever meet. The last year has been difficult for us all but Mark has taken on new roles with even more energy and made a huge difference to so many. He is a very special man and Basingstoke is lucky to have him!

Elaine Tennison

Elaine Tennison since the beginning of the first lockdown last year and closure of the Leisure Centres, has worked tirelessly bringing Yoga, Pilates and mini workshops to her regular members and anyone else who wanted to join her classes through Zoom. She struggled through all the technological complexities which come with online services, asks and considers all requests and provides great safe, fun and healthy classes each week.

Fiona Pink

Fiona Pink gives everything she has to do the most she can for victims of domestic abuse. She works with such passion and care to make sure they get to the light on the horizon and get their lives back to normal. She has worked for victim support for a few years and with the unfortunate extreme rise in cases due to covid 19s lockdown measures she has been flooded with people needing support. She will often work long hours without lunch breaks or past finishing hours to make sure her clients receive the best possible support they can get. Nothing has stopped her or slowed her down even with all the restrictions we have all been put under in the recent year.

Mark Dolby

Mark has been involved in various fundraising campaigns and events to raise funds for, and awareness of, Ark Cancer Centre Charity. Ark is raising £5million to provide supportive care and services and complementary therapies to help and support cancer patients and their loved ones in and around Basingstoke. Mark has been one of Ark's longest-standing supporters, both personally and professionally. Well-supported by colleagues, he has been the driving force behind Beaufort Financial (Reading)'s involvement with the charity, taking part in all of the Arkriders' fundraising bike rides, which have collectively raised nearly £300,000, as well as a sponsored abseil, and helping to organise several company quiz nights.

Leigh Henderson

Leigh has worked so hard over the last year to help the athletics club and its hundreds of members continue to enjoy their sport. Through his co-ordination, athletes continued to receive training plans and support through the lockdowns and once restrictions started to relax he took up the role of covid safety officer to ensure that live training sessions could return as quickly as was possible and in the safest possible way, managing to balance the keenness of athletes and coaches to get back to proper training with keeping up with constant changes to the regulations. He has found ways to implement new policies and procedures with incredible speed, efficiency and practicality from managing the number of athletes on the track at a time, writing guidelines and helping coaches develop their risk assessments to fulfil all the requirements, to buying additional sanitising equipment and additional portable floodlights so training for young athletes could take place in on dark evenings in the wider open spaces on the fields to allow for more social distancing.

Margaret Macklin

Volunteer Food Hub Co-ordinator Margaret Macklin, is an absolute treasure and a dream to work with. For the last couple of years she has been supporting the charity Inspero, though really stepped up at the beginning of the

pandemic when they needed extra resources to run their community hub. Margaret is a true unsung hero in the Basingstoke community as she contributes to so many good causes: Inspero, Basingstoke Loddon Rotary, NHS Volunteer Responder, volunteer at the covid vaccination centre, volunteer for the Cinnamon Trust.

Arun Mummalaneni

Arun Mummalaneni, is a trustee of the Telugu association of Basingstoke as well as Basingstoke Multicultural forum. He is one of the key volunteers in Basingstoke, who have been working tirelessly to help and support the local community during the lock down periods. He started a community kitchen at the Carnival Hall which prepared hot, nutritious and home-cooked meals, which were then supplied to the key-workers of the NHS and other emergency services. This was their way of saying thank you to all those people making a real difference in this COVID crisis, and to give back to our community. Alongside Arun, a number of local businesses and communities have joined together to contribute and support this brilliant effort. All this hard-work combined to deliver and prepare more than 5000 hot meals. This could not have been done without Arun's community spirit, passion and hard-work.

Robby Arnett

Town Centre Ranger Robby always goes above and beyond for the businesses in the Town Centre and for visitors. He's extremely committed to Basingstoke, even to the point where he works on his days off as a Covid Marshall in the town centre. There have also been numerous occasions in which his quick thinking and first aid skills have been called upon when working in the Town Centre.

Catherine Waters-Clark

Catherine has been an inspiration through the past year. Her dedication to helping people is second to none and she has certainly stepped up and gone beyond throughout the COVID19 pandemic. She has worked tirelessly to help and support those people in a less favourable position than herself and has done this with the utmost professionalism, drive, courage and determination. There is nobody that has worked harder to make things bearable for a large number of families and individuals throughout the last year. All of this despite having to personally battle through and overcome pneumonia during Lockdown 1 in March / April 2020.

Catherine runs the local healthy eating and wellness charity Inspero based in Basingstoke, however as lockdown restrictions were announced in March 2020, this meant that the numerous face-to-face activities normally carried out were completely stopped. Instead of resting on her laurels during this time of crisis, Catherine was inspired to re-double her normal efforts and re-focus her time to help the local communities in a new way.

Sheelagh Birtchnell

Sheelagh has been an immense support to the community throughout her life but even more so during the pandemic. As a regular volunteer at the Viables Memory Club, Sheelagh has been keeping in contact with members and came out of retirement as a nurse to train once again in order to help deliver the vaccine to the people of Basingstoke and surrounding areas. At the early part of the lockdown Sheelagh was herself extremely ill and underwent an operation that left her in recovery for some time and even that did not stop her. She is an exemplary human all round and her cheery disposition exudes from her and brings joy to everyone around her.

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Health & Wellbeing



Basingstoke Voluntary Action

This small charity has gone massively above and beyond during the past year and beyond, successfully recruiting, placing and coordinating thousands of volunteers extremely quickly and efficiently to support residents across Basingstoke & Deane amidst the outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This has included leading on the successful setup of the Basingstoke Community Hubs, a network of almost 30 neighbourhood based/volunteer-led response groups to immediately respond to needs from local residents with health and wellbeing related tasks including food shopping, prescriptions collection, welfare and befriending activities to reduce loneliness. More recently Basingstoke Voluntary Action have again flown into action taking the charge of recruiting and placing hundreds of volunteers to support the Vaccination programme rollout, coordinating marshals at the two major vaccine sites in Basingstoke to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible.

Basingstoke West Scout Leaders

The volunteer leaders have achieved a lot since the 1st COVID lockdown Mar 2020, when normal was no longer normal. They have had to adapt a scout programme, which is usually focused on outdoors, teamwork, new experiences and put all into an hour weekly virtual meeting (& when the Government rules have allowed) face to face meetings, with social distancing in place. These meetings have been offered to our young People from April last year and are still ongoing. This has not been easy for some members, as it has meant they have had to engage with old & new technology. For those who have struggled, there has always been another leader available to step in and help get things up and running. There has been a real community spirit to look after everyone.

Fitness Flex

Fitness Flex have gone above and beyond to look after their clients physical and mental health over the past year. They have created online classes, set challenges, checked in whenever you need them and always been on the end of a message if things get tough. Fitness Flex well-being programmes have left people fitter and more positive at this difficult time.

Elaine Tennison

Elaine Tennison, founder of Amala Health and Wellness has not only looked after many clients physical well-being but nurtured their mental well-being as well. She has such huge compassion for people, sending daily tips, recording exercises to relax and regenerate, creating a place where clients can share ideas and highlight things of interest - the list could go on. She is tireless and constantly thinking of new ways to keep people motivated - she has been a life saver for many people in this difficult time.

Hampshire Court & Basingstoke Fire Station Covid Vaccination Centres

The teams at the Hampshire Court and Basingstoke Fire Station Vaccination Centres have been nominated multiple times for the efficiency and friendliness of these two centres which have been run using a massive volunteer team. From the recruitment of volunteers to the organisation of the initiative, it has been both a local and national success with the Hampshire Court Centre being held up a shining example by the Government.

Glenn Brailey – Soccer Strikes Youth Football Coaching

Glenn has offered over 100 free one to one football coaching sessions to young people with additional needs and disabilities through this latest lockdown. This has meant being cold, wet and even working in the snow. And all for free just to keep young people active and healthy, both physically and mentally.

James Harrison – Connective Chiropractic

James Harrison has tirelessly worked to make sure that his chiropractic clinic is COVID compliant so he could continue to safely see clients through the various lockdowns. He was forced to close the clinic in lockdown one until measures for chiropractic care were lifted in summer 2020. James is also contributing towards COVID 'recovery' by posting via his Connective Chiropractic and James Harrison Wellbeing channels to assist with the burnout that many are feeling as lockdowns are lifted. He gives practical advice and pathways to reduce stress / improve sleep / avoid burnout as well as insightful more clinical content to help people better understand their aches and pains - perfect after a year of working from the kitchen table.

Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital

Wendy and Graham Potts suffered from COVID and were admitted to Basingstoke and North Hants Hospital in January. The treatment and care they both received was exemplary in their words and they were in awe of the professionalism, bravery and humanity displayed by all members of staff that they came into contact with and feel forever in their debt. All the nurses and doctors they came in contact with showed such gentleness and patience at a time when they were both terrified. They feel blessed to have such a wonderful hospital staffed with such courageous and dedicated people who truly deserve acknowledgement for the fight they fought for the couple and are still fighting for others. They definitely make Basingstoke a place to be so proud of.

Fundraiser of the Year

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Debbie Loveridge

Debbie is a wonderful lady who has really gone the extra mile to support Ark Cancer Centre Charity, and she has really made a big difference. While Ark is fortunate to have many great supporters, Debbie is the one dedicated volunteer who has been helping with the organisation of Ark-related events for more than five years. She has been involved in bucket collections, stall events, the organisation of, or helping out at, charity balls and quiz nights, and has been a constant, and invaluable, extra pair of hands at many other Ark-related events. No job is too big or small for Debbie, and she always rolls up her sleeves and gets stuck in. The first thing she always says when she arrives at an event is: 'How can I help?'

Arkriders

Since 2016, the Arkriders have been involved in raising more than £270,000 for Ark Cancer Centre Charity. Ark is raising £5million to help Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust colleagues fund and deliver supportive care and services, complementary therapies and an enhanced environment for cancer patients and their loved ones, ultimately in a NHS cancer treatment centre at a new hospital in the Basingstoke area. The Arkriders have grown from a group of three cyclists into a family of fundraisers that numbers in excess of 50 awesome people. They have raised money for Ark by undertaking a series of gruelling charity bike rides, and also by organising other fund raising events.

Richard Curtis – The Portsmouth Arms

Richard has become a real hero during the covid crisis – he is the landlord of the Portsmouth Arms and while his pub has been closed he has been staging pub quizzes every night and chasing world records to raise much needed funds for local health charities including the Foodbank, St Michael's Hospice and Basingstoke Young Carers and he has raised a huge amount for these good causes and kept us all entertained at the same time.

Good Neighbour of the Year

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Overton Cares

Overton Cares was set up at the start of the first lockdown to help neighbours in need who were shielding or isolating with shopping, collecting prescriptions and other errands. It was made up of a collection of 'street volunteers' who leafleted their allocated streets with their personal contact details in order to be contacted by those in need of the service. This service is still ongoing and has proved an extremely useful service to the community. Many people gave up their time and energy for the greater good of their community and a lot of effort was put in to run this efficiently.

Rodney and Marilyn Scott

Rodney and Marilyn Scott have lead the " Evergreen " group at St Leonard's Church, Oakley for the past 20 years. This started out of a desire to enable people living on their own in the community and with limited contact with others, due to age or disabilities and their carers to meet together to socialise with each other under the umbrella of St Leonard's Church Oakley. They are also helped by a number of volunteers. The number of members vary, but there are usually between 35-50 people. Everyone is contacted by phone throughout the month to make sure they are safe and well and given the opportunity to discuss any issues they may have and any help needed if necessary.

Danuta Trench

Danuta works at BCoT as our college nurse. She has always been committed to supporting both staff and students with their health and well-being. She works across the college and always responds to call outs. During the COVID pandemic, she has stepped up to lead on the colleges' response. This initially meant being the first point of contact for students, parents and staff who are concerned about symptoms or anxious about the situation.

Frank Mudd – Pop Up Play Village

Frank has been volunteering as a delivery driver for Basingstoke Foodbank since the start of the pandemic, putting his company van to good use while unable to operate his normal business during the lockdowns. He has spent many hours on the road, making essential deliveries and providing a friendly face. He has become a reliable and effective member of the team

Neighbourcare

This group has served as a vital source of support for local residents in terms of providing transport to and from covid testing and vaccination appointments for elderly residents who would have otherwise been unable to get to their appointments. They have assisted with providing health and wellbeing support to older residents throughout the pandemic and have provided a key service.

Business & Community Award



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The Limeleaf Thai Restaurant

During the pandemic, this restaurant donated food and meals to Basingstoke Hospital as a way of saying thank you to the staff working tirelessly. They used their own time and stock, as well as some money raised by friends and family donating and created over 50 lunchboxes and bottles of water. The lunch boxes contained delicious Thai food.

Laura Haystaff

Like so many businesses, Laura and her team have had a really challenging and difficult year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Topiary Salon is a hair salon with premises in Old Basing and Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke, and Laura and her team have had to deal with lockdowns and reopening's during 2020 and all the impacts and consequences that has brought with it. Despite all this, Laura has been a consistent and regular supporter of Ark Cancer Centre Charity and its mission to raise £5million to fund supportive care and services and complementary therapies that will help and support cancer patients and their loved ones.

David Langley at Church Street Models

David, from Church Street Models on Church Street, recognised very quickly at the start of the pandemic many of his customers would be unable to continue their hobby. He knew that during these uncertain times modelling would be a welcome distraction and good for his customer's mental health. He, therefore, decided, after a chance phonecall from a regular customer, to combine his daily exercise with the opportunity to help his customers. He would run to his store in the town centre and deliver any orders on his run back home. David only took up running three years ago and has now run 9 marathons. By the end of the first lockdown, David estimated he's run 236 miles to deliver modelling kit to his loyal customers.

Willows Coffee Shop

Willows Coffee Shop have been able to continue offering services to the community throughout the pandemic, having only been established in August 2020, and source the majority of their products from local sustainable businesses.

In addition, they are supporting a project working with a group of 6 Queen Mary's College students who are developing a loyalty card app and rebranding for the cafe. The students are working with two teachers at Queen Mary's College and meeting regularly with Mary Stevens, the owner of Willows, to present their ideas and develop their products. This is the first project of its kind with the college.

Jon Mills

Jon, managing director of Black and White Accounting, headquartered at Herriard Park, near Basingstoke, provided great support for Ark Cancer Centre Charity during the COVID-19 pandemic, raising pounds by losing pounds – lots of them! He shed four stone in three months, raising £1,000 for the charity – an awesome

achievement on both counts.

Father-of-four Jon beat his daunting weight-loss challenge deadline by one pound – and he doubled his original £500 fundraising goal.

Ark Cancer Centre Charity

Mark Jones works tirelessly with local businesses to generate support for the Ark Cancer Centre Charity which has funded a new supportive care centre in the existing Radiotherapy Unit at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, and is also funding services within the centre. In addition, Ark CCC will support Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) colleagues by funding the hire of rooms in The Ark Conference Centre for educational meetings that will enhance the support given to cancer patients and their families.

Phillips Solicitors

Phillips Solicitors has been in the heart of Basingstoke since 1986 and have a strong commitment to the area and an impressive track record of supporting local causes including the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, St Michael's Hospice, and the Sebastian Action Trust.

Their colleagues take great pride in getting involved with charities and projects that will make a positive long-term impact on the health and well-being of local people.

Young Role Model



Louisa Riley

Louisa decided she wanted to help young people during lockdown by making up and giving out over 1200 care packs/pick me up packs to children and young people across the south to help improve their mental health many who were struggling with lockdown but also children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse or loss and separation. She has also created a body positivity campaign and improve mental wellbeing campaign in schools across Basingstoke and beyond with the aim of helping children and young people.

Aaron Langford

Aaron sadly lost two members of his family to Covid following lockdown he has fully engaged with College life. He goes over and above not just with the academic study but in representing his peers at College. He has taken on the role of student rep with dedication and maturity. He offers support to other students and raises issues on their behalf. He is passionate about trying to ensure that students have a good experience and that their voices are heard. He is a great role model for other students at the college and even after the bereavement his dedication and commitment has continued and grown.

Michael Ellis

Michael Ellis is a young man who has experienced tremendous barriers following a virus that left him, unable to walk and talk for 3 years. He has learned to drive and since attending BCoT he has blossomed. He works tirelessly and to a high standard; seeking every opportunity to improve on his work and progress; Following a week of work experience, with a builder, Michael has been taken on, as a part time employee, on his days off from college.

Ben Soones

Ben is a level 3 IT student at Basingstoke College of Technology. Alongside working towards his full time course and achieving distinctions, Ben volunteers to teach to Army Cadets.

He taught APC syllabus to Army Cadets from April 2020 to November 2020 through online lessons. This involved creating lesson plans and delivering them every Thursday. These lessons would range from First Aid to Military Knowledge as well as map and compass skills and some more military subjects. He taught 10-15 cadets each week as well as making tests that would contribute to their passes for those subjects. In January 2021, during the lockdown, he started teaching again however this was expanded to the whole of west Berkshire due to the success of the previous online lessons.

Cameron Coveney

Cameron is a dedicated GB Pentathlon athlete who, prior to lockdown, has been a role model to his fellow club members at Wessex Wyverns Modern Pentathlon Club, helping out at training and competitions over a number of years. In 2020, despite lockdown, he adapted his training and remained fit and ready to compete for his club/county/country - and when the third lockdown meant none of the usual championship and qualifying races in early 2021 were able to be held, he channelled his disappointment and energies into doing a virtual charity endurance event during the February half term. He raised over £500 for Alzheimer Research by running 4 miles, every 4 hours, for 48 hours - a total of 48 miles which is way more than his previous maximum of 10 miles!

Our thanks to all that have made these awards possible and special thanks to Face TV, local Basingstoke business, that has made bringing the live streamed awards to you possible.

