



Press release

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NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARD & NEWBURY TOWN YOUNG PERSONS CIVIC AWARD

John Austin has been presented with the Black Horse trophy as the winner of The Newbury Town Civic Award Scheme 2010. This award which recognizes the town's unsung heroes, (those people who have made an exceptional contribution to our community on a voluntary basis) held its presentation evening on Monday 29 March 2010.

The winner of the Newbury Town Young Persons Civic Award, sponsored by Swift Group of Companies, is Keryn Osterritter who was delighted to receive of the crystal trophy. She will also enjoy a personalized 'Experience Day' of her choice.

The Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang, thanked his fellow judges and explained that all the nominees for both awards were worthy winners and it was an impossible task for the judges to select an overall winner for each award.

Newbury Town Civic Award winner, John Austin, has supported the Community Furniture Project since its inception over a decade ago, both as a volunteer and a trustee. John started by driving the CFP van collecting and delivering furniture, having done this for a number of years, John retrained to carry out electrical testing on equipment such as TV's, kitchen equipment, radios, stereos, videos and DVD players. Regularly volunteering, John provides a valuable service whilst also bringing his wisdom to the board of trustees.

Newbury Town Young Persons Civic award winner, Keryn Osterritter, volunteers at the Spectrum and Oasis Youth Clubs for autistic Children. Volunteering between 3 and 4 hours during term-time and activity sessions during school holidays. She began volunteering at Spectrum in order to complete her DofE, remaining with the club long after that was completed. In addition, she now volunteers at the new ASD Youth Club called Oasis which is for children aged 13+. Keryn gives up two evenings a week to offer her help and support, she shows great empathy for the children at the clubs bringing a great sense of fun to the games she plays with them and is always willing to help and remains at the club long after the children have gone home to help clear equipment away and clean up.

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