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NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARD & NEWBURY TOWN YOUNG PERSONS CIVIC AWARD

Fiona Walker has been presented with the Black Horse trophy as the winner of The Newbury Town Civic Award Scheme 2009. This award which recognises 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 30 March 2009.

The first winner of the new award, the Newbury Town Young Persons Civic Award, sponsored by Swift Group of Companies is Rebecca Hall who was delighted to be the first recipient of the crystal trophy. She will also enjoy a personalised 'Experience Day' of her choice.

The Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Phil Barnett, stated that all the nominees 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, Fiona Walker has spent in the region of 12 hours a week as West Berkshire Ramblers Works Party Coordinator for the past five years working with MENCAP providing occupational therapy/exercise for their clients helping clear paths of vegetation and litter. She also plans and coordinates all volunteer rambles on alternate Fridays (with WBC Social Services); Fiona organises over 1500 hours of volunteering per year. She also coordinates production and research for walking guides in the area.

Newbury Town Young Persons Civic award Rebecca Hall has, for the past 7 years, been an Adult Leader in the Guide Association providing a minimum of 7 hours a week to Brownies, Guides and Senior Section. Bex works full time as a Carer at Priors Court School, she fits her volunteering around her busy work commitments. She is currently completing her Queens Guide Award which is the highest award to be achieved in the Guide Association.

All nominees receive special certificates.

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