



Shotley Parish Council Community Awards

Parish Councillor Rob Green, on behalf of the Chairman of the Parish Council, had much pleasure in presenting the following well-deserved community awards in recognition of the service the individuals provided to the parish of Shotley.

Mrs Thelma Westlake

Thelma was nominated to receive a community award due to the various ways in which she has supported not just the Parish of Shotley but also other parishes on the peninsula.

Some of you may know Thelma from the church, where she plays the organ beautifully. Others may regularly see her collecting payments at the Soup A Lunch, something she has been involved with since the very beginning. Thelma is also the Secretary of the Mothers' Union amongst many other things.

Wendy Corness and Dave Mills

Both Wendy and Dave are the founding members of the Shotley First Responders and have been helping those in their hour of need for some ten years now, helping with life threatening situations such as cardiac arrests. A community first responder is a volunteer who is trained by the East of England ambulance service to attend emergency calls. Their team covers Shotley, Shotley Gate, Erwarton, Harkstead and Chelmondiston and supports neighbouring community responders' groups on the peninsula.

Wendy and Dave have also supported all those who have joined the organisation over the years and carry out fundraising activities to raise the much needed funds to keep this much valued service going.

Sarah Pallant

We all know the lady that runs one of our favourite local pubs but what most of you may not be aware is the charity work that Sarah and her family do for our village and even organisations further afield, such as Tiffers the Bus shelter.

For example, for ten years now Sarah and her mum have been buying the many hundreds of Easter eggs for the famous Easter Egg hunt and all the money that is made is given to local charities.

Sarah also runs a much appreciated Pensioner's Lunch on a Friday, which provides not only a nourishingly delicious meal but an opportunity for those who partake in it to go out and socialise.