

Year	Citizen Award recipients	Their work for the community of Woodley
2018	Norman and Beryl Freeman	For 42 years of tireless voluntary work for the Royal British Legion, serving the Woodley area. Norman has been president of the local branch of the Royal British Legion for many years and has also served on the County Welfare Committee. He is well known in Woodley for distributing the Poppy boxes to local shops, offices and door-to-door volunteers and he still leads the Armistice Day commemorations at the war memorial in Woodford Park. Beryl has supported Norman in all he has undertaken and has also been active within the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion in her own right, holding many positions, including branch president and county president.
2018	Marc Surtees	Awarded for his commitment to the development and growth of female football in Woodley. Marc has been part of ladies' football for nearly twelve years and joined Woodley United Ladies FC in 2011, when it was formed to provide a dedicated club for the provision of female football in Woodley. He has managed the Under 16 and Under 18 Girls' teams and now manages the club's Ladies' team. In addition to managing, Marc also gives support to the club's development of girls' football.
2017	Alan Lovejoy	Alan is a great support to his neighbours, helping with DIY tasks, keeping front gardens and communal areas tidy and weed-free, and making sure that the local rubbish and recycling bins are put out at the correct time and returned after emptying. He is also an active Woodley Adopt A Street participant, a scheme in which volunteers regularly litter pick their local area.
2017	David Provins	David has worked with endless enthusiasm to set up and run the Friends of Woodford Park, a group that of volunteers who assist the Town Council with the maintenance of areas of the park. In 2016 David led the Friends in the creation of three flowerbeds in the park to commemorate the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday and this, together with the clearing and tidying of other areas, has enhanced Woodford Park for the benefit of the local community.
2017	Tony Roper	For the many years of voluntary work he has undertaken for the benefit of Woodley residents, as a Scout leader, a member of the Carnival committee, a supporter and participant in the local Toy Run each Christmas and as a volunteer driver for the patient transfer service. Tony has also held the Voluntary position of Woodley Town Crier for over 20 years.

2017	Mark Rozzier	For his vision, hard work and enthusiasm in leading the project to combine many of the individual football clubs in Woodley to form a community football club, Woodley United, giving the town a club with which players of all ages can identify and play friendly and competitive football. Mark has also worked tirelessly to form links between the club and local primary schools, has organised sessions to help managers with their coaching skills and has provided support for junior referees.
2016	Joe and Janet Daniels	For the fantastic support they give to parishioners at St John Bosco Church, visiting elderly and disabled members of the congregation who can no longer get to church and running errands such as shopping and collecting prescriptions. Both Joe and Janet help set up events at the church and Joe acts as a volunteer caretaker there. They were very active in the local Scouts group and accompanied the group on camping trips abroad. Joe uses his engineering skills to help out repairing cars without expecting any payment in return and they both find time to help anyone who needs their support.
2016	John Gill and Marie Gorman	John and Marie have both been organising holidays for people with disabilities or those who are ill or extremely lonely for over 30 years using specially adapted Jumbulances from the New Jumbulance Trust. They both recruit volunteers to accompany people on the trips and, to keep costs down, raise funds through Bridge Drives and finding sponsors. Their excursions have included Lourdes, Austria, France and Holland.
2016	Gloria Reeves	Gloria has undertaken an incredible amount of fundraising over many years, raising thousands for charities including RNLI, Air Ambulance, Royal Berks Prem Baby Unit, local hospices and Jumbulance holidays. Her fundraising has included a sky dive and playing 100 holes of golf over 11 hours. Gloria is also an active Woodley Adopt A Street participant, where volunteers regularly litter pick their local area. Gloria's work in the community was recognised by her receiving a British Empire Medal in 2015.
2016	Marguerite Risby	Marguerite has been volunteering with the Link Visiting Scheme for over 5 years. The scheme organises volunteers to support older people who feel lonely and isolated through visiting and a variety of activities. Marguerite befriends 3 local people and spends time visiting and helping them on outings. She helped one gentleman get to his allotment by arranging a tricycle for his use and another by accompanying him to watch Reading FC. Marguerite also helps organise a monthly Pie and Pint Club and is always there to help set up events as well as mentoring and supporting other volunteers. She also finds time to volunteer with the Woodley Adopt A Street Project.
2015	Frank Box	For tirelessly giving his time and energy to the community over the past four decades. Frank was a Scout leader for 10 years, he continues to run a community waste paper collection and a collection point for the Woodley food bank, as well as driving the JAC bus which provides a weekly meeting point in Woodley town centre. Frank is also a regular helper at St James Church, and he is always willing to be a "good neighbour" to those who need help.
2015	Paul Chandler	Paul is always willing to give time to help others and listen when they

		need to talk. Despite being seriously injured in a work accident, Paul also voluntarily gives a great deal of time towards improving the environment of Highwood Nature Reserve for the benefit of the local community, picking up litter and dumped rubbish, moving obstructions from the paths and clearing ditches.
2015	John and Lynda Cook	Both John and Lynda have generously given their time to the people of Woodley for many years through their charity work and involvement with Christ Church and with Woodley Volunteer Centre, helping to providing transport for elderly and disabled residents to attend medical appointments and day centres and also for shopping trips.
2015	Trevor Gilder	Trevor has provided support and encouragement for the youth of Woodley for over 30 years by voluntarily running the Octopush (underwater hockey) Club at Bulmershe School and the Junior Snorkel Club at Bulmershe Swimming Pool, and making travel and other arrangements for those taking part in tournaments.
2015	Cathy Howe	Cathy has selflessly given her time to the Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in Woodley for many years, giving encouragement and inspiration to countless young girls. In recent years Cathy has taken on the role of President of the local Trefoil Guild, providing guiding for adults. She has also been a member of the Inner Wheel for many years, organising fund-raising events for local charities.
2015	Peter Jacobs	For the many years of voluntary work Peter has undertaken for the benefit of Woodley residents, as a volunteer swimming and snorkelling instructor, as a governor of Highwood Junior School, including 5 years as Chairman of the Board of Governors, and as a member of the Woodley Carnival Committee, to which he was appointed Chairman in 2013.
2015	Pia Gibbs	For the tireless work she carries out at the Church of St John Bosco as Church Sacristan to support the church community and preparing for services and events and also for her work within the parish including visiting sick and elderly parishioners, fund raising for charities and organising special events.
2014	Shelagh Flower	Awarded for her tireless work in setting up and running the Woodley Adopt a Street Project (WASP), including the recruiting and training of volunteers to carry out litter picking in Woodley and the co-ordination of their activities.
2014	Peter and Yvonne Glass	Awarded for generously giving their time to the community in Woodley, particularly through their involvement with St. John's Church and their limitless help and support at Woodley C of E Primary School.
2014	Barbara Rielly	Awarded for selflessly giving her time to the children of Woodley for over 30 years. Barbara is currently volunteer at Dingley Specialist Early Years Centre and has been involved with Woodley Beaver Scouts for the past 10 years and prior to that spent 20 years with the Girl Guide Movement, helping with Rainbows and Brownie groups in Woodley.
2014	Louise Coleman	Awarded for her care and consideration towards others through her voluntary work with Just Around the Corner (JAC) over the past 2 years, and for her help with the special needs group at Bulmershe

		Youth Centre.
2014	Cathy Edwards	Awarded for helping and supporting young people through her voluntary work with Just Around the Corner (JAC) for the past 3 years, and for her work as a volunteer classroom supporter at Waingels College and as a helper at Beavers.
2014	Jack Wright	Awarded for his voluntary work, his fundraising for charities and his outstanding and inspirational contribution to life in Woodley through his active involvement in a wide range of community events and activities.
2013	Simon Benford	For his commitment as a volunteer at Woodley Age Concern, helping elderly people at the centre up to six days a week, and before that, his commitment to working as a volunteer at Fosters Care Home over a number of years.
2013	Graham Cook	For his community activity since moving to the town in the early 1960s with his wife and young family. Graham has been a member of school PTAs, run local football teams and a Woodley Scout group. He has raised funds for charities as a member of the Woodley and Earley Lions for over 20 years and is treasurer of the local prostate cancer society.
2013	Marie Etchels	For her hard work running "Wide Mouthed and Stringless", a puppet group which Marie set up, based at Emmanuel Church. Marie spends a great deal of time preparing for the shows and has involved many young people in all aspects of the shows that are put on around the area.
2012	Jackie Andrews	For her loyalty as a Guider with 1 <sup>st</sup> Woodley Green Brownie Unit since 1974. Jackie works hard to provide an interesting and varied programme each week as well as taking Brownies away on residential holidays.
2012	Don and Liz Cramp	For their work as Eucharist Ministers for St John Bosco Church, carrying out voluntary work with parishioners, as well as being key members of the Romania Link raising funds for the children's orphanage. Don has also been involved in various roles with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Woodley Scout group over a long period of time.
2012	Rose Darney	For her loyalty as chair of Woodley Retired Persons Club for many years and her thoughtfulness towards others - she always makes sure to visit club members if they are unwell. Rose and her husband also volunteer each week at the Sue Ryder Home.
2012	Tony Freeman	For his good nature and acting as a good neighbour. Tony is very helpful, supportive and protective of his neighbour, checking by phone if he is concerned and always assisting with practical things.
2012	Colin Gibson	For his part in the creation of the Lions Club of Earley and Woodley. Colin has been at the forefront of charitable fundraising through the club for over 30 years, helping to raise £600,000 and has been the club's president twice in 1984 and 1994.
2011	Maggie Beresford	For her community work as a driver for Woodley Volunteer Centre - taking people shopping or to medical appointments several times a week - and for her support in helping on 'Jumbulance' holidays for

		disabled people over the past ten years. Mrs Beresford has also helped at Woodley Day Centre's 'Active Able Friends' and raised money for Macmillan Nurses.
2011	Mary Clifford	For her dedicated support of Woodley Age Concern for over 30 years. Mary has served on the management committee of the day centre and more recently has been a regular volunteer helper in the tea bar.
2011	Geoff Barnes	For being 'a pillar' of scouting in Woodley for nearly 30 years. His work as a 'Cub' leader has seen the pack become very successful at both district and county level. Geoff has also been the District Commissioner for Loddon for 7 years.
2011	Ashley Young	For his work within several local organisations that help local people and in particular his support and work in the Woodley Retired Persons Club, where he helps run the weekly club, looks after the equipment and takes members to and from their meetings.
2010	Janice Jackson	For her role as an adult supporter leader in Woodley Scouting for over 25 years. In 1992 Janice took on the responsibility of running the cub pack and in 2003 to run all three sections (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) with the support of two other leaders, giving life skills, fun and friendship to hundreds of Woodley adults and children (many with extra special needs.) Janice has also been a very active member of the Woodley British Red Cross for over 20 years.
2010	Sue Karsten	For her work as one of the main forces behind St James Church for over 60 years. Sue had a part in raising the money to build and then extend the church. As Churchwarden she works hard to keep the building and its community activities running.
2010	Peter Mitson	For his work with the Woodley and Earley Lions for over 13 years where he has served as club president and on several committees. Peter cares about the environment we live in and has been a keen member of the Horticulture Society for many years. Peter is described as being a Woodley man through and through as well as being a kind, generous, caring, fun, compassionate man with traditional values.
2009	Ken Fostekew	For his work at the Museum of Berkshire Aviation since it opened in 1992. Ken has worked tirelessly to gather artefacts relating to Berkshire's aviation history and that of the Woodley Aerodrome and the Miles Aircraft Company in order to preserve them for future generations.
2009	Zoe Jones	For her work over the past 18 months as a young volunteer of only 16 years old assisting with a group of young people with special needs who were taking part in their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. During Zoe's time helping the group she has given up every Tuesday and Thursday night to assist the group and has also sacrificed some of her school holidays to accompany the group on trips. Zoe is always around to listen if a member needs someone to speak to and she always puts everyone before herself.
2009	Katarine Hooper	For volunteering at the Bulmershe Youth Centre for the past 3 years. Katarine has given up many of her evenings and holidays so that she can work alongside the staff with a group of young people with special needs. Katarine predominantly works with one young person

		on a one to one basis. Katarine's intense care has enabled a young woman to attend trips away. Katarine shows great patience with the group and it has inspired her to seek full time employment with special needs young people.
2009	Paula Broom	For her work as volunteer centre organiser of Woodley Red Cross for many years. In this time Paula has attended first aid duties on a regular basis - every weekend and occasionally during the week as well. She goes on duty as ambulance crew and covers all events such as the Woodley Carnival and the Fun Run. She has also been a volunteer for the Red Cross fire and emergency support services and has assisted many families who have lost their homes.
2009	Anthony (Tony) Wheeler	For being a wonderful and considerate neighbour to everyone in the row of houses where he lives. Tony has been known to take people to the hospital and is always helping where he can, even at the age of 82. Tony has had a life long commitment to the Scouts and also volunteered for ten years with Feed the Children, delivered meals on wheels for 10 years and emptied static boxes for the Berkshire County Blind Society – generally caring the community's young and old alike.
2009	Chas Randle	For his work in Scouting over many years. Chas has been Group Scout Leader for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Woodley Scouts, starting as an Assistant Scout Leader in Mitcham in 1961. Chas arrived in Woodley in 1984 when he joined 2 <sup>nd</sup> Woodley Scouts, becoming the group leader in 1989, responsible for the smooth running of the beavers, cubs and scouts. Chas has continually raised funds for the group. Chas has been a member of the British Red Cross since 2000, undertaking huge responsibility attending training each week as well as being called upon to attend events. He gives his time to others so selflessly and still manages to care for his wife.
2008	Geoff Etridge	For his devoted volunteer work at the Museum of Berkshire Aviation as the senior engineer responsible for the restoration of the vintage aircraft. Geoff has been in the aviation business most of his life and has been at the museum for the past ten years where his skill and experience is of great value to the community. Without Geoff some of the work the museum does would be impossible.
2008	Diane Avenell	For her work with Woodley Hammers Football Club. Diane has brought a team of under 8s Woodley boys right through to adult football starting in the Bracknell League and now in the premier division of the Reading Sunday League. As well as acting as a second mum to all the boys she has worked tirelessly for the club, helping with social events, tournaments and attending meetings on the clubs behalf. Dianne has always been a credit to the club and a great example to other managers.
2008	Mick Clapham	Mick is a bus and tram enthusiast who received this award for his long-standing voluntary commitment to police operations in Woodley. As a former special constable he founded the police awareness course for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and also created the pre-driving lesson course at the now closed Woodley police station. Mick has also selflessly given his time to help the special needs students who meet at Bulmershe Youth Centre.
2008	Charlie Shutter	For his voluntary work with the Air Cadets and young people at

		Bulmershe Youth Centre. Despite only being 20 years old, Charlie has had a positive impact on the lives of many young children attending the cadets and the youth club.
2008	Karen Burrows	For her work in Girl Guiding. Karen is fully involved in the planning and running of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Woodley Lakeside Guide Unit taking them away for indoor holidays and outdoor camps. Karen became Division Commissioner for Bulmershe in June 2003. Although Karen is busy she makes herself available to everyone and this is always done in a friendly way. She is a very efficient, friendly and inspiring leader.
2007	Ann Chandler	For her hard work supporting and taking part in the activities of the Woodley Horticultural Society, Woodley's Retired Peoples Club and for Woodley Woollies. Her hard work has been recognised by many. When Ann's neighbour was very ill Ann was also a great support.
2007	Beverley Chiles	For her work above and beyond her job as a nurse at a Woodley surgery. Beverley is on duty even outside of surgery offering advice and help at the drop of a hat to anyone who needs it. Although a caring nature is part of the job description for Beverley she goes well above and beyond her job and never stops caring.
2007	Daphne Cruickshank	For her care and concern for the many years she has served as the sick visitor for the Woodley Retired Peoples Club. The club has provided a place to meet up, entertainment and support for an average of eighty members in the town every Friday afternoon since 1979. Daphne is the link and help to the members during any periods of ill health, and well into old age. Daphne is well into her 80s now and served as social secretary and chairman in earlier years.
2007	Averil Oxley	For her work as a volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Woodley since she retired from the Woodley library in 1989. Averil was the main receptionist, being the first friendly face clients saw when they came into the bureau. Averil has also kept the bureau's filling in pristine order and helped with many other domestic matters. Despite her age and ongoing health problems Averil has always been amazingly cheerful, reliable and conscientious. She has also run the Woodley Theatre Box Office for a number of years.
2007	Mike Tarling	For his work with the Woodley and Earley Lions. Mike has organised the fireworks events and the fun day for 7 years and has given a great deal of pleasure to the people of the district. In addition the funds raised have given a better life to many in need. This year Mike organised and delivered 30 Christmas parcels to the elderly.
2007	Sue Williams	For her work with Woodley Hammers Football Club since 1991. Sue has been club secretary for more years than anyone can remember and has seen a number of chairman, vice chairman and managers come and go. She always has the league and FA rules at hand to keep managers on the straight and narrow. Sue is always so passionate to nominate members of the club for awards but the club believes that her work in the background for Woodley Hammers should have some formal recognition.
2007	Yvonne Young	For her work serving the Woodley community for many years. Yvonne delivered many Woodley residents in her midwife's role and volunteered as marriage guidance counsellor. She organised a very

		successful needlework group and she designed and researched many ecclesiastical adornments that the group made for St John Bosco Church. Yvonne was chairman of the Woodley Retired Peoples Club for 6 years and is still very active in the club.
2006	Moria Hunt	For her work as a member of Woodley Theatre for over 30 years. Moira works tirelessly to support all members and directors to ensure that productions run smoothly. Moria supports the youth theatre and is passionate in her belief that theatre performances be accessible for very young children. Moria is always first port of all to all old and new members of the Woodley Theatre due to her cheerful and friendly nature.
2006	Toni Walters	For her work with the horse therapy initiative set up by Just Around the Corner (JAC). Toni has spent most of her free time in the past 18 months helping out with the new project, offering her free time for the benefit of others. Toni is a fantastic volunteer not only taking on the mundane chores but also proving to be a real asset during riding sessions with young people.
2006	Allen Cummings	Allen has tirelessly given his time and skill as treasurer of Woodley Age Concern over many years, rising to the challenge of new developments and services to support the elderly people of Woodley. His commitment and care to the elderly people of Woodley and their carers is outstanding.
2006	Keith Avenell	For his work over more than 20 years working with young people in Woodley. Keith and his wife Diane have encouraged thousands of children who have passed through their hands to enjoy the game of football. They have actively engaged with children with special educational needs and those who are deprived in some way to encourage them to integrate and achieve some recognition and standing amongst their peers.
2006	Robbie Walkinshaw	For his work as a co-founder of Woodley and Earley Lions and his charitable work over many years of the club's activities.
2006	Rosemary Ingolfsrud	For her work at Christ Church over many years. Rosemary runs holiday bible club at the church.
2005	David Gerken	For his long-standing voluntary work with both Woodley Age Concern and Woodley Poor's Land charity.
2005	Pam Medcraft	For her work in the community. Pam is a retired health worker from the Loddon Vale practice in Woodley. When she realised there was no club or meeting for the over 60s in her area, she set up and started the Gemini Club based in the community on the Airfield in Woodley. It has been running for approximately 10 years and every week Pam organises speakers and visits for the members.
2005	Simon Nicker	For his many years of volunteering in Woodley. Simon has been a very active volunteer, supporting many voluntary groups within Woodley including being a cycling proficiency instructor for a local school and a helper with local children's football training and tournaments. Simon helps run a Scout group and works to build links between voluntary groups.



2005	Pauline Needham	For her service to Guiding and other voluntary work. Pauline works tirelessly for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Woodley Green Guide Company. Although a guide leader since 1964 guiding has changed over the last couple of years, Pauline has taken on and is enjoying the new challenge. Pauline has taken her 36 Guides on camp nearly every year and offers them the most amazing experiences. Pauline is also a Neighbourhood Watch advisor and a member and treasurer of the Woodley National Women's Register.
2004	Barry Ford	For his many years of work in the Scouting movement. Barry is the Group Scout Leader at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Woodley Scouts.
2004	Irene Gathercole	For her voluntary work at Woodley Age Concern's Day Centre over many years.
2004	John Hicks	For his work with Woodley Carnival over the past 37 years. John has served the Committee's president and has made a real contribution through his work supporting the Carnival events and through the funds the Carnival Committee has paid to various local causes and groups.
2004	Mike Mundy	For his support to the town's young people for more than 20 years. Mike has particularly been involved in youth football over many years – a stalwart of Woodley Hammers Football Club who has coached youth teams and acted as referee. He has also organised the Woodley Carnival Football Tournament for many years.
2004	Frank Rogers	For being a good neighbour. Frank was nominated by his neighbours for his countless acts of selflessness, including driving people to hospital appointments, shopping, fixing gates and doors and looking after gardens when people are away.
2004	Margaret Rowe	For her work supporting people with disabilities. Margaret has run the Reading Disabled Club at Woodford Park Leisure Centre for some years and regularly collects members so they can attend.
2004	Craig Sumner	For his involvement and commitment to youth football in the town over many years. Craig started the Woodley Youth Development League in 1998 after years of playing youth and adult football for clubs in the town. He also set up Woodley Kestrels in 2002 which by 2004 had grown to 22 youth teams and regularly coaching up to 20 hours a week.
2002	Karen Todd	For her work at Woodley Volunteer Centre. Some years ago Karen offered up her help to the centre and despite always having a busy schedule she always found the time to drive folk to hospital etc. Karen also became the centre's co-ordinator - she knew that the people who rang the centre often did so as a last resort and were nervous and always tried to out them at their ease.
2002	Sam Milligan	For his work serving the community of Woodley. Sam is best known for his dedication to the young people of Woodley - with his work with Just Around the Corner and the JAC van. Sam also gives his time selflessly to support the church, and to the outside tea stop in the Woodley precinct and often is found liaising with residents.
2002	Jennifer Truscott	For her work in the community. Jennifer gives her time selflessly to

		the church and to numerous groups in the community. She often visits sick church members and is well known for her work in the centre of Woodley at Oxfam. Jennifer is a help to her neighbours as well as helping look after her neighbour's daughter who has a serious illness. Despite a busy schedule you can always rely on Jennifer for a cheery 'hello' and a great big smile.
2002	Peter Burningham	For his work with the Woodley cadet division. Peter has been in the cadets for several years and is now a young adult supporting Woodley's cadet division. Peter always attended public duties since he was a cadet and now co-ordinates events for the cadets himself.
2002	Diana Williams	For her help to other people in the community. Diana looks after the elderly women of her extended family and she also willingly helps other elderly women in the community. She offers them support and comfort and makes it her job to help them with their day-to-day lives. She cleans their house and has been known to set their hair on may occasions. Diana's work is really appreciated by the women and the families that she helps.
2001	Rita Gulliver	For her work helping children in other countries and people in the Woodley community. Rita works for Children's Aid Direct. She is the founder of Woodley Woolies and works tirelessly for Woodley Age Concern. Rita also selflessly gives her time to Woodley Volunteer Centre, and is described as a 'remarkably good lady.'
2001	Tony Burden	For his key role in the Woodley Horticultural Society since the society was established in the 1960s. As Trading Manager he was always ready to offer advice and assistance to gardeners and those new to gardening. He also helped arrange the various outings and social events enjoyed by the society's members.
2001	Les Eke	For his work in supporting young people in our town. Les is well known for his continuous work supporting young people – he spends all of his working day dealing with the issues that young people present and much of his personal time thinking of new and interesting activities, events and opportunities for young people. He supports young people when they are in conflict with their parents, people in authority, or at school. He is actively involved in the air cadets and gives his time and energy to local groups.
2001	Ann Kearsy	For her work with Brownies in the town. Ann has run the 8 <sup>th</sup> Woodley Lakeside Brownie Pack for 30 years for girls ages between 7 and 11. Ann provides the girls with all the friendship, fun and enjoyment that being a Brownie involves.
2001	Vera Marriott	For her work in founding and developing the Earley and Woodley Stroke Club. Vera is president of the club and has given a great deal of time and care providing support for victims of strokes. Vera has tirelessly promoted awareness of stroke induced disabilities for many years.