

PRESS RELEASE

THE BRITISH CITIZEN AWARD (BCA)

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THE 2024 NEW YEARS 'PEOPLES HONOURS' **TO BE RECOGNISED AT THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER**

Thomas Noblett, from Staffordshire is one of 28 remarkable individuals to be recognised at the Palace of Westminster with the prestigious British Citizen Award (BCA) in recognition of their extraordinary endeavours. The British Citizen Award in partnership with One Stop, is now in its 10th year and recognises exceptional people who positively impact their communities throughout the country. Dubbed 'The People's Honours' this programme recognises true community heroes for their divergent endeavours and positive impact on society.

Thomas will be recognised at the Palace of Westminster on Thursday 18th January 2024 and honoured with The British Citizen Award for Services to Volunteering & Charitable Giving, receiving the coveted BCA Medal of Honour and invited to use the post-nominals BCAv as a legacy of his achievements.

For 40 years Thomas, known as Ted, has volunteered in his local parish and is the longest servicing councillor in its history. In addition, he coached local children's cricket for many years, volunteers on the sports club committee and helps with the luncheon club, aimed at older residents who are lonely and vulnerable. Ted helped install play areas in the parish, aided in the Platinum Jubilee allotment project, and supports the churches in the parish and clubs that they run.

The length of time Ted has volunteered and the variety of clubs he has committed his time to, has had a massively positive impact on the local community. Ted's commitment to his community is second to none. During the pandemic Ted turned 80 years old and was classed as vulnerable, yet he still organised and delivered Christmas hampers to even more vulnerable residents at Christmas with a mantra that 'their needs were of more concern than his own health'.

Ted is chair of the village hall committee and always looking at ways to bring the community together for events. He is working closely with the parish to reduce its carbon footprint and promotes a healthy lifestyle by making the local outdoor spaces attractive and accessible for all.

"This year's medalists have reminded us of how many amazing people are supporting our communities, especially during such a challenging time. At One Stop we serve many communities across the country, and we know how important voluntary work is to support those in need. We're proud to be partnering with the BCA again and to play a small part in helping each medalist to be recognised. Our congratulations go to all honourees", said Stephanie Wood, from BCA partner One Stop.

The Medal presentation will be hosted by TV presenter Matt Allwright, and attended by BCA Patrons, Dame Mary Perkins, Founder of Specsavers, and The Rt Hon Lord Dholakia. The British Citizen Award was established in 2015 to recognise exceptional individuals who work tirelessly and selflessly to make a positive impact on their communities and society.

Each medalist is presented with their BCA at the Palace of Westminster by Senior Representatives from official partner One Stop, Places for People, Specsavers, Objective HR, and Uniserve who all support this unique programme. Medalists then board an Open Top Lap of Honour tour provided by Big Bus London, before attending a certificate presentation at the prestigious Church House to complete their recognition.

The British Citizen Award is widely viewed as the nation's way of recognising extraordinary, everyday people from all cultural backgrounds from across the country for exceptional endeavor. The Medal presentation is held twice annually, to nominate an outstanding individual from your community to be considered for The People's Honours visit www.britishcitizenawards.co.uk.

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Notes to Editors

The British Citizen Award recognises individuals that positively impact others and highlights the positive aspects of multi-cultural communities, workplaces, community groups and charities throughout the UK. It is accessible to all and serves to celebrate the good things that make Britain great.

There is no fee for making a nomination. Nominees who are granted a BCA will be invited to attend the Presentation Day at the Palace of Westminster. Presentations are held twice annually in January and July (June in 2023 for operational reasons).

Whilst individuals decorated with an OBE, CBE or KBE are ineligible for a BCA, recipients of a BCA can still be nominated (and often are) for those awards.

The full list of categories for the British Citizen Awards are:

BCAc for Service to Community
BCAi for Service to Industry
BCAa for Service to Arts
BCAe for Services to Education
BCAh for services to Healthcare
BCAb for Service to Business
BCAv for Volunteering & Charitable Giving
BCAo for International Achievement

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