

## LSWA PC celebrates community British Empire Medal Awardee

LSWA PC are absolutely delighted to report that Mr Ted Noblett has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the Kings Birthday Honours List June 2024 to recognise his many years of voluntary community support.

This award is to sit along side Ted's British Community Award which he was honoured with In January 2024.

For over 40 years Ted has volunteered in his local parish and is the longest servicing councillor in its history. In addition, he coaches local children's cricket, volunteers on the sports club committee and helps with the luncheon club, aimed at older residents who are lonely and vulnerable. Ted helped install several play areas in the parish, aided in the completion of Jubilee allotments, 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 more than his'.

Ted (Mr Thomas Noblett BEM BCA) will receive his award from the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire at a prestige event and will then be invited to celebrate his award at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party accompanied by his wife Heather and family.

Ted had this to say about his BEM award:

***"I am very pleased to receive such an award but feel that this isn't an award that I am receiving alone. I am receiving it on behalf of our whole community who all work together to make it the place that it is"***

On behalf of the whole community, we thank you for all you have done for our parish.

However, volunteers also need support and Ted has found that from his family and especially from Heather. Whilst also volunteering on various groups in the parish Heather has maintained a strong supportive network for Ted to enable him to carry out his duties. In fact, this award may not have happened if it wasn't for Heather, as she secretly worked alongside Amy (parish Clerk) to provide many supporting statements from various community members to support the application, a huge thanks for Heather's part in this award too.

**Many thanks and much love to you both Ted and Heather, we look forward to hearing about the ceremonies and hopefully sharing some of your pictures in the news and views.**



Image taken at The BCA award Ceremony at Westminster Palace in January 2024. Mr and Mrs Noblett

