



NORTH YORKSHIRE LIEUTENANCY

Press Release

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Five North Yorkshire charities recognised with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Five charities from North Yorkshire have been recognised in this year's Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service.

The charities being honoured are:

Holgate Windmill Preservation Society: The society restored a derelict 18th century windmill to full working order. The windmill, at Holgate in York, is now open to school groups and the public and produces flour for sale.

PhysioNet: PhysioNet provides disabled people in developing countries with vital equipment they cannot find or afford, supplying a wide range of disability aids with life-transforming effects. PhysioNet is based in North Yorkshire with support centres in East Anglia, Lancashire, South East and the West Country. It was established in 2005 with the aim of providing physiotherapy and mobility equipment for the disabled in developing countries.

Scarborough Survivors: Scarborough Survivors provides and manages a resource centre offering daily activities to promote mental health well-being and to break down isolation. As part of its work, it offers a self-supporting group covering Scarborough and surrounding areas, and is made up entirely of people with direct experience of mental health problems, either personally or as a carer, close relative or friend. The emphasis is on self-help and sharing information gained from personal experience. A key aspect is to represent the voice of the service user on a wide range of committees and groups locally.

The Nidderdale Museum Society: The society manages and maintains the extensive collection of the museum, which is in Pateley Bridge, reflecting the history and life of people in Nidderdale. Nidderdale Museum was founded in 1975 by a group of enthusiasts who shared a deep concern for the traditional way of life which they felt was disappearing after the Second World War. Farms were adopting new methods, the former lead and stone

industries had collapsed, and families were becoming dispersed. The museum is run and staffed by volunteers and the Nidderdale Museum Society has 200 members.

York Against Cancer: York Against Cancer is committed to funding, researching and identifying deficiencies in cancer services in York and enhancing the patients' experience and is able to react quickly when the need arises. It is a charity providing care and support for patients and their families in York and North Yorkshire, funding pioneering cancer research and providing cancer awareness education and information.

The awards were announced on the Queen's official birthday on Friday, 2 June. The successful groups will receive their awards from the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Barry Dodd CBE, at a reception at Ganton Hall, near Scarborough, on 12 September.

Mr Dodd said: "I am excited for these five groups that have been recognised in the Queen's Awards. This is the highest number of QAVS won by North Yorkshire since the award was instituted in 2002, surpassing the previous high of three achieved last year. I look forward to meeting members of the groups personally. I encourage people to nominate other worthy groups from our county for this award in future."

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Note to editors:

For further information about the Lieutenancy and a list of Deputy Lieutenants visit the Lord-Lieutenant's website, www.nyll.org.uk or contact the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mr Barry Dodd CBE at barrydodd@nyll.org.uk, or contact The Clerk to the Lieutenancy at County Hall via amanda.fry@northyorks.gov.uk telephone 01609 532705.