



Press Release – 14th September 2016

Three charities from North Yorkshire to be presented with the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service

The Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire Mr Barry Dodd CBE is to hold a very special presentation ceremony at Birdsall House, Malton by kind permission of Lord and Lady Middleton on **Thursday 22nd September** to present the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service.

The work of three groups in the community will be recognised and honoured with the highest national award a voluntary group can receive in the UK. **Ryedale Carers** is a voluntary organisation and registered charity that provides practical and emotional help for carers, the **Scarborough Maritime Heritage Centre** work to preserve the town’s history, and **Ryedale Youth Centre** encourages and instructs young people in all aspects of the performing arts.

The Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Barry Dodd CBE said:

“These three organisations have excelled in serving their communities and I hope that their example will encourage people to nominate other groups from our county for this award. I look forward to meeting the groups personally on what will be a very special occasion”.

The ceremony followed by a reception with drinks and canapes, will be attended by some of the winning groups trustees, volunteers and supporters.

Notes to editors

- 1. The Lieutenancy welcomes attendance by members of the press and invitations can be obtained from the contact below.**
2. The Lord-Lieutenant is the monarch’s personal representatives in the County. There are 98 Lord-Lieutenants covering all areas of the UK. The North Yorkshire Lieutenancy includes the City of York, and the area south of the Tees formerly part of Cleveland*.
3. * A map of the Lieutenancy area can be found at:
www.nyll.org.uk/about/county-facts

4. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

5. Groups winning The Queens Award for Voluntary Service receive a Crystal Bowl at a ceremony and invitations to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. They are also able to display the QAVS logo on their website and promotional material.

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