



Winner of Mayor's Awards 2021 – 2022 for Services to the Community

Mrs Maureen Horsley (Nominated by Irene and Philip Blanchard)

At the Royal British Legion, we call Maureen the “Raffle Queen”. It doesn't matter what cause or what funding is required, Maureen can always come up with a good raffle offering fabulous prizes and always manages to raise loads of money.

She is currently a member of the fund-raising committees of the Royal British Legion, The Royal Naval Association and the Swivel Club but has been involved for many years in raising money for most other charities in the Rushden area. Whenever there is a good cause, Maureen works relentlessly and does everything in her power to make that cause successful, not only by raising money but by physically getting involved and working for these causes. She has helped furnish homes of those less able people and made sure they receive proper care. Sometimes, this may only involve popping round for a cup of coffee and a chat but she will never turn her back on anyone who needs help.

The Swivel Club provide funds to assist local people. For example, they recently paid for a specially adapted electric wheelchair for a teenager who was isolated in school because she had no mobility. The wheelchair gave her independence as she did not have to rely on someone having to push a normal wheelchair, which enabled her to go to every part of the school. She no longer feels isolated and is able to join her friends in the playground and canteen instead of having to spend those break times alone in her classroom. Maureen has allowed the Swivel Club to use one of her properties as a charity shop where along with volunteers, she is able to raise substantial amounts of money. In this role she has also been able to assist older members of society to clear their houses and make them more habitable. She thinks nothing of rolling up her sleeves and assisting with the cleaning where certain people have been neglected or otherwise unable to do it for themselves.

Maureen also works hard with the RBL and RNA and is always there, assisting other members at various events with the running of mostly tombola stalls. These are usually a prize every time tombola stalls, and she not only helps sell the tickets, but is responsible for obtaining the majority of the prizes. She has many contacts and is not shy in asking for prizes from many organisations in the town. Maureen has organized money raising quiz evenings, games evenings and social evenings.

The above are just a few of the many, many causes Maureen has been involved in over the years and deserves the mayor's award for her dedication and continued hard work, which she does voluntarily and receives no monetary rewards. If she cannot personally help financially, she will ask Horsley Motors, to sponsor a cause.



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Over the years Maureen has assisted in raising thousands of pounds for many charities and organisations and there are far too many to mention in this deposition. She is a very warm and caring person and will never turn her back on anyone or anything that needs assistance.

Mr Peter Armstrong (Nominated by Cllr Kaye Rawlins)

Peter gives his time to volunteering in the town; the Cancer Research Shop, the Food Bank, Chester House and the Royal British Legion (Rushden) Branch.

On Sundays he can be found at the sound desk at St Peter's Church, Midland Road.

Christine and Kathy MacKenzie (Nominated by Cllr Marian Hollomon)

Both sisters have been involved in and organising the Neighbourhood Watch for over 20 years. Because of their enthusiasm and ability to get people on board, along with incredible hard work, we now have a thriving East Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Watch.

They are both very worthy of this award.