



Winner of Mayor's Awards 2019 – 2020 for Services to the Community

Mr Colin Woods (Nominated by Cheryl Smith - Nene Valley Community Action)

Colin joined the Nene Valley Community Action as a Volunteer Befriender in June 2017. Colin is one of our volunteer befrienders who goes above and beyond to help the people he befriends. He is kind and caring and has great empathy. He is reliable and diligent in his volunteering responsibilities. He visits two elderly gentlemen every week for at least one hour to keep them company. Despite his own health issues Colin has continued to show commitment within the community of Rushden over a number of years.

Mr Alan Armson (Nominated by Mick Hill – Rotary Club of Rushden Chichele)

Alan, a Rushden man, is a dedicated and very hard worker for the local community over many years. He joined Rushden Chichele Rotary Club over 10 years ago and immediately became involved in our Rotary projects in the Rushden area. Every year for the last eight years Alan has held a Golf Day persuading local businesses to sponsor the event and to take part. The event raises in the region of £2500.00 every year for local good causes, including SERVE, Rushden MIND and Zachary's Shack.

Alan has worked for SERVE for many years most recently as Chairman of the Trust. He has seen this important charitable serviced to local elderly peopled through some very difficult times when funding was cut and greatly reduce. He is a hands-on worker for SERVE too and drives their minibus to get elderly people to events and appointments and always ready to lend a hand.

Alan is also an active director of Nene Valley Community Action which provides support to individuals and groups in the community.

Despite giving up his Rotary membership due to his own health issues, Alan still continues with all his other involvements.