



Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service, 2017

Key findings for the Lancashire-14 area

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1. Overview

In celebration of Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee in 2002, the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service was established as part of the UK National Honours system. It is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon voluntary groups, and is equivalent in status to the MBE. As such, the Queen's Awards not only serve to provide recognition of volunteer groups, but also demonstrate the high respect in which volunteering is held. The winners are announced each year on 2 June (the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation).

This prestigious honour recognises the exceptional contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. Groups can be nominated by friends, family or members of the public (self-nomination is not permitted), and details of how to make a nomination can be found on the [Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service website](#).

A group of two or more people can be nominated if it is based in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. The group has to have been volunteering for the benefit of people in the UK or overseas for at least three years, plus more than half its members must be volunteers who have the right of residence in the UK.

This short article highlights the organisations in the Lancashire-14 area that have received this award. A full list of the Lancashire-14 recipients is provided in table 1. The details of the names of the organisations, dates of awards and locations by local authority boundary from 2003 to 2013, were kindly provided by the office of the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire. More recent results have been sourced from the [London Gazette](#). Another useful website is [Gov.uk](#).

2. Award winners in the Lancashire-14 area

2.1 Award winners in the Lancashire-14 area, 2017

In 2017, there were five winners of the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service in the Lancashire-14 area:

- **Civic Pride Rossendale.** Their aims are: Eliminating litter, regenerating community gardens and encouraging others.
- **Rossall Point NCI.** Keeps a lookout for the safety of users of the sea and coast around the Fleetwood / Wyre coastline.
- **The Abaseen Foundation UK.** Provides healthcare, education, research and humanitarian relief for poor people in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- **The Fairfield Association.** Enhancing and maintaining local green and recreational spaces for the benefit of people and the protection of nature.
- **The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Support Group.** Supporting Head & Neck Cancer patients, their carers and families on their cancer journey.

2.2 Award winners in the Lancashire-14 area, 2003 to 2017

The following table lists the 48 voluntary organisations in the Lancashire-14 area that have won this prestigious award between 2003 and 2017. The list emphasises the wide variety of groups that specialise in care/health services, rescue work, activities and support for children and young people, plus environmental projects etc. A few of the organisations cover areas that extend outside the county boundary, but all have been identified as award winners from Lancashire. One of the latest winners provides aid to a remote area of Pakistan, while other winners generally benefit specific communities or the general population in their local area.

Table 1: Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, award winners in the Lancashire-14 area, 2003 to 2017

Year of Award	Name of Group	Local Authority
2003	<u>Blackburn Breast Care Support Group</u>	Blackburn-with -Darwen
2003	<u>Cancer Care (North Lancs & South Lakeland)</u>	Lancaster
2003	<u>MOSAC (Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre)</u>	Blackpool
2003	<u>The Volunteers of Drugline - Lancashire</u>	Preston
2004	<u>Sahara Project</u>	Preston
2004	<u>St John's Hospice</u>	Lancaster
2004	<u>The PIP Project</u>	Wyre
2005	<u>Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team</u>	Ribble Valley
2005	Brunshaw Action Group	Burnley
2005	<u>West View Community Association</u>	Wyre
2006	Donna's Dream House	Blackpool
2006	Silverdale First Responders	Lancaster
2006	<u>Hospice Care for Burnley & Pendle</u>	Burnley
2006	<u>Preston Panthers</u>	Preston
2007	<u>Youth Action</u>	Blackburn-with-Darwen
2008	<u>Aughton and Ormskirk University of the 3rd Age</u>	West Lancashire
2008	Callon Kids' Community Club	Preston
2009	Longridge Road Tenants and Residents Association	Preston
2009	Open Doors Lunch Group	Pendle
2009	Park View 4 U	Fylde
2010	Fern Gore Residents' Committee	Hyndburn
2010	Fishwick Rangers Youth Development Scheme	Preston
2010	Skelmersdale Action for Youth Forum	West Lancashire
2010	<u>Streetlife</u>	Blackpool

2010	<u>The North West Ecological Trust</u>	West Lancashire
2011	<u>Colne Open Door Centre</u>	Pendle
2011	<u>Thomas Street Bowling Club</u>	Pendle
2011	<u>Twinkle House</u>	West Lancashire
2011	<u>West Lancashire Disability Helpline</u>	West Lancashire
2011	West Lancashire Carers Sitting-In Service	West Lancashire
2012	Happy Mount Park Volunteers	Lancaster
2012	<u>The Salford Diocese Catholic Fellowship for the Handicapped</u>	Burnley and Pendle
2013	CRaB (Community, Residents and Business)	Preston
2013	Rossendale Community First Responders	Rossendale
2014	<u>Rossall Beach Residents & Community Group</u>	Wyre
2014	<u>Sandy Lane Gardening Group</u>	Hyndburn
2015	<u>Lancashire Defibrillator Campaign</u>	West Lancashire
2015	<u>Pendle Hippodrome Theatre</u>	Pendle
2016	Braille-It	Hyndburn
2016	<u>Inter Madrassah Organisation</u>	Blackburn with Darwen
2016	<u>Kepple Lane park Trust</u>	Wyre
2016	<u>North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes</u>	Chorley
2016	<u>Skem Men-Aces</u>	West Lancashire
2017	<u>Civic Pride Rossendale</u>	Rossendale
2017	<u>Rossall Point NCI</u>	Wyre
2017	<u>The Abaseen Foundation UK</u>	Lancaster
2017	<u>The Fairfield Association</u>	Lancaster
2017	<u>The Swallows Head & Neck Cancer Support Group</u>	Blackpool

Sources: Queen's Awards for Voluntary Service, 2003 to 2013 via the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire and the [London Gazette](#) (2014 onwards).

3. Description of the geographies used in this report.

The Lancashire-12 area is comprised of the 12 local authorities that fall within the Lancashire County Council administrative boundary. The Lancashire-14 area incorporates the two additional unitary authorities of [Blackburn with Darwen](#) and [Blackpool](#) and has the same geographic footprint as the [Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (LEP) area.

The 12 local authorities within the LCC boundary are [Burnley Borough Council](#), [Chorley Borough Council](#), [Fylde Borough Council](#), [Hyndburn Borough Council](#), [Lancaster City Council](#), [Pendle Borough Council](#), [Preston City Council](#), [Ribble Valley Borough Council](#), [Rossendale Borough Council](#), [South Ribble Borough Council](#), [West Lancashire Borough Council](#) and [Wyre Borough Council](#).