

Mayor's Award 2027

Councillors' Choice Award

Sarah Dix

Sarah worked really hard to set up the Thornbury Junior Park Run. This entailed lots of paperwork, meetings and fundraising to get it started. Now it is running it also involves weekly input to ensure that there are run directors and enough volunteers for the event to run safely.

Whilst this may not seem like an obvious environmental benefit to Thornbury but I believe it does fit due to:

Each week there are between 70 and 150 children running 2km. This is a huge sporting achievement for these children and will benefit their health.

Before the event each week the run director walks the course and checks for hazards thus helping to keep our open space safe and clean of litter.

The event gets these children enjoying the lovely outdoor space we have on the Mundy playing fields. An appreciation for outdoor spaces will help our younger generations to take care of it.

The children are more likely to be active and choose to walk and run instead of getting in their cars for other journeys.

The volunteers report finding it rewarding to volunteer and this helps community cohesion.

This is a sustainable event, all of the token and equipment and used each week, there are no single use items.

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For more than 40 years, Paul has been a dedicated volunteer in Thornbury, giving countless hours of service to a wide range of community events and organisations. His contributions have included supporting the Christmas Lights, town street events, charity events and the organisation of public church events.

Over the years, he has also played a significant role in the success of numerous local organisations, including Thornbury Arts Festival, Thornbury Carnival, Thornbury Picture House, Thornbury Town Trust and Thornbury Music Ministry. In addition, he has helped organise and install bunting in the High Street for more than 20 years, contributing to the town's vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.

Through his longstanding commitment and tireless volunteer work, Paul has made an exceptional contribution to the community life of Thornbury.



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Thornbury Litterbusters

Thornbury Litterbusters are being nominated for their outstanding contribution to keeping Thornbury clean, tidy and welcoming.

Through regular litter-picking events and the dedication of their volunteers, they help protect the local environment, enhance community spaces and encourage pride in the town.

This nomination recognises their continued commitment to improving Thornbury for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.



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Chris Criddle

Chris Criddle is the very definition of an unsung hero. Every weekday, while most of us are still asleep, Chris is up at 4:30am preparing to present the Thornbury Radio Breakfast Show, ensuring local listeners start their day informed, entertained and connected to their community.

But Chris's contribution goes far beyond presenting. As a volunteer, he regularly dedicates what amounts to full-time hours to Thornbury Radio, working tirelessly behind the scenes to help the station grow and, importantly, to give local groups, charities, events and organisations the airtime they deserve.

Chris understands that community radio is about giving people a voice. He continually champions those who might otherwise struggle to be heard, using the station's growing reach to promote the brilliant work happening across our area.

He does all of this without seeking recognition or reward. His commitment, early mornings and countless voluntary hours make Chris a truly deserving winner of the Unsung Hero Award.

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Thornbury in Bloom

It is tempting to look towards the edges or in the corners to find people or groups making a valuable contribution to Thornbury but sometimes the answer is right in front of everybody. For 35 years Thornbury in Bloom has been making our town smart, tidy and pleasing on the eye that we almost take their hard work for granted.

Whilst their work might be geared to adding to what must now be an enormous number of awards – there can never too much gold! – the whole town benefits from their efforts. Just walking around is more pleasant without rubbish in the roads and pavements whilst finding a lovely display catching the sun always brings a smile.

The success they have achieved over the years does not come easy – there are plenty of other places working their best to beat Thornbury but always find Thornbury in Bloom a formidable opponent in the annual contest. A strong hard-working team, working well together must have been built and must have evolved several times over the years. Yet the highest of standards have remained throughout as evidence by the awards list.

It is a true pleasure to nominate Thornbury in Bloom for a Councillors Choice Mayor's Award to enable the Town to pay a small tribute and say thank you for all the pleasure this group has brought the town for many years.

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Octopus Drama Group

Octopus Drama Group has been a valued part of the Thornbury community for over 55 years, delivering continuous live performances and enriching the town's cultural life.

The group has provided opportunities for young people aged nine and above to develop their confidence and theatrical skills, with a number of former members going on to successful careers in stage, television and film.

In addition to its contribution to the arts, Octopus Drama Group has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to supporting the local community, raising more than £30,000 for local charities through its productions and fundraising activities. Through its dedication, talent and community spirit, the group has made a significant and lasting contribution to Thornbury.

