

ABOVE & BEYOND COMMUNITY AWARDS 2017.

The Above and Beyond awards are a unique scheme which recognise Saddleworth villagers who go the extra mile for neighbours or their community.

Launched at the beginning of 2016, the Awards sought to celebrate men and women nominated by village community, resident associations and groups, and received widespread approval from councillors and communities alike.

In advance of the awards presentation, the publicity seeking potential candidates received impressive media coverage as did the awards themselves (see cuttings).

In the aftermath, the awards were praised as "prestigious..." and "a positive way of recognising villagers whose community works may have otherwise gone unnoticed."

And in a bid to encourage nominations for 2017, villagers are being urged to contact their own community's committee. Each committee taking part will make a financial contribution to the event.

There is no set criteria for nominations. The final choice of winner is entirely the choice of each community group's committee. There will be no supreme overall winner.

I originated, promoted and staged the event myself with invaluable financial support of Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership Ward councillors.

I am again seeking that support for the 2017 awards which will be staged in Autumn 2017 (date to be arranged).

I would be seeking a contribution of £250 per councillor to build on the initial scheme.

Thank you for your time and I am more than happy to attend any meeting or add any additional information you and your team may require,

Kind regards,

**Ken Bennett
Above & Beyond Awards Coordinator.
Monday, December 19, 2016.**