

Quarterly Employee Awards

Ten people were nominated for Quarterly Employee Awards for exceptional work between July and December 2007. They all receive a voucher and are automatically short-listed for the annual Staff Member of the Year Award.

Brian Chadwick, Unpaid Work Placement Manager, East Cheshire, “never misses an opportunity to promote Unpaid Work and always makes time to engage with beneficiaries with whom he is held in high esteem”.

Catherine Corbett, Senior Probation Officer (Court Services), for her contribution to the CJSSS (simple, speedy, summary justice) roll-out. Fast Delivery Reports have increased across two quarters from 19% to 34% of all reports produced. Catherine also delivered a Sentencer Briefing Programme.

Sheila Dodd, Senior Case Administrator, West Cheshire Offender Management Unit, for developing administrative systems and regularly transporting key paperwork in her own time and at her own cost.

Elaine Hamlett, Placement Manager, Vale Royal Unpaid Work Unit, for her contribution to the 25% increase in West Cheshire Unpaid Work hours between February and August 2007 and her “positive engagement with colleagues, beneficiaries, partners and offenders”.

Gordon Iremonger, Property, Project and Security Manager, for securing funding for replacement accommodation for the South Cheshire Offender Management Unit. He also highlighted the problems of

the existing Crewe building for staff with mobility restrictions which contravenes the Disability Discrimination Act.

Clare King, Manager, South Cheshire Offender Management Unit, for her leadership resulting in South Cheshire’s “consistently good” performance throughout the year. Clare managed the Unit single handedly pending the recruitment of a new colleague manager.

Dennis Mahar, Probation Service Officer, West Cheshire Offender Management Unit, for increasing the number of agency hours worked by 92.6% between January and August 2007.

Anne Mason, Case Administrator, West Cheshire Offender Management Unit, for the “vital part she plays in Court work and the breach process”. Anne is “always one of the first to volunteer to help colleagues in times of staff shortages”.

Lilian Tickle, Case Administrator, Warrington Offender Management Unit, for helping the Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) team set up new systems. Lilian passes on her knowledge with “unfailing good humour and great sensitivity”.

Stella Williams, Case Administrator, West Cheshire Offender Management Unit for re-organising the archive filing system and her willingness to work across other Offender Management Units.

Welcome donation



The late Bernard Warnes, former Senior Probation Officer

The Chief Officer Fund has received £1,000 from Eileen Warnes whose late husband, Bernard was a Senior Probation Officer in Chester during the 1980s. Caroline Blackham and Ann Crawford remembered him fondly as a “gentleman with a wealth of knowledge; professional and courteous and always wearing a dark three piece suit “

Chief Officer, Steve Collett, and Liz Gaughran, Corporate Services Manager, visited Mrs Warnes and learnt about some of the initiatives her husband had set up such as an accommodation project for homeless offenders. Steve said, “Her donation was extremely generous and showed incredible loyalty to and trust in the Probation Service and its work”.

The Chief Officer Fund helps offenders to lead crime-free lives where statutory funding cannot be used and other funds are not available. It is also supported by Cheshire Crimebeat to help offenders under the age of 25.

Recently, the Fund has helped offenders to: qualify as a fork lift truck driver; buy suitable interview clothes; pay College fees and purchase books.