

Mayor's Civic Awards 2018

The Mayor's Civic Awards evening was held on Friday 30th November at the Jubilee Centre. The event was attended by civic heads, town councillors, and Alcester residents. The winner of the three categories were:

Young Person Award

The winner of the Young Person Award went to **Edward Sumners** who was nominated by Warwickshire Young Carers which is the Mayor's Charity for 2018-19. Eddie cares for his Grandmother who has dementia. He visits her after school, does her shopping and prepares her meals. Eddie is a calming influence on his Grandmother who sometimes gets agitated. His commitment to caring for a loved one has been noticed by his grandmother's neighbours and we are pleased to also recognise Eddie's achievements in the town.

Organisation Award

The **Arrow Action Group** were awarded the Organisation of the Year for their long-standing commitment to caring for others through their weekly workshops for local people with learning difficulties. For over two decades, these dedicated volunteers have provided a secure environment for members whose lives are far too often hemmed in by the limitations of restricted mobility or failure by others to recognise their special needs. The group provides support to people, to develop their skills and reduce the varying degrees of isolation that can often occur in rural communities.

Citizen of the Year

The award of Citizen of the Year 2018 went to **Mike Dean** for his selfless commitment to Alcester as a volunteer Community First Responder for over 10 years and also his support for a large number of local organisations. As a Community First Responder, Mike is on call on average 230 hours per month and attends in excess of 300 emergency 999 calls each year. Mike is also the chief fundraiser and membership officer for Alcester Scouts and is a trustee for the Newport Foundation and Alcester Memorial Town Hall. Mike also serves as Chair of Governors at Alcester Academy which has become in a few short years a very successful and over-subscribed school.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. They all deserve our heartfelt thanks and recognition.