

Press Release



Good Times as Community Groups are named Pride of Reading

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It's a double celebration for one area of Reading as both their Community Association and Primary School were honoured in the Pride of Reading Awards.

The Bell Tower Community Association, which represents the area off Caversham Road, and E P Collier Primary School in Swansea Road are both proud and delighted to receive their awards.

The Association, which is just two years old, won the Environmental Projects category for its work in cleaning up graffiti. The school, which sits at the heart of the neighbourhood and from which the Association takes its name, won the Healthy Lifestyle category.

David Neale, organiser of the "G Team" anti-graffiti squad, said after the awards ceremony: "We are truly surprised and honoured to receive such an award. The graffiti clean-up started last spring with a few of us cleaning up Ross Road one morning, and it's hard to believe how big it's become."

Teresa Colliass, Chairman of the Community Association, said, "When Bell Tower Community Association was formed in 2005 our aim was to get a community spirit going and to see what could be done to make this a better place in which to live and work. We've risen to the challenge, and this award proves that small organisations like ourselves have the opportunity to make a real difference."

She continued, "With both the school and the Community Association winning awards, it's been a very good day for our area. Now we have to build on that success for next year."

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The awards were presented at the Renaissance Hotel on November 29 by Reading-born Chris Tarrant, and celebrate the individuals, organisations and businesses in the town who have really made a difference.

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Notes to Editors

Bell Tower Community Association

- The Association was founded in October 2005.
- It represents 600 homes and businesses in the area bounded by Caversham Road, Northfield Road, Barry Place, the residential end of Cardiff Road, Addison Road, Denbeigh Place and Randolph Road.
- It represents the local community, organises events, publishes a quarterly newsletter and operates a members' discount scheme with local businesses.
- The neighbourhood has no historic name so the association took on the name of a local landmark, the bell tower on E P Collier Primary School in Swansea Road. The tower can be seen from all over the area.

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