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Guildford Street Angels win Community Empowerment Awards in Surrey-wide competition



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Guildford Street Angels representative, Rod Boreham, accepted their prize of £1000 from radio personality Ed (Stewport) Stewart at County Hall and now go on to represent Surrey in the South East England Empowerment Partnership Awards programme.

The aim of the Community Awards is to encourage and reward the dedication and enthusiasm of local people, voluntary organisations or community groups, who have worked with their local councils to influence decisions about their communities and the services they receive.

Lower Green Community Empowerment and North Leatherhead Football Club were named as runners up with Surrey Creative Communities and Our Community Street Team receiving Highly Commended certificates.

Guildford Street Angels are volunteers from any faith or none, who care for people in need late on Friday and Saturday nights. Those needs could be as a result of

homelessness, intoxication, drug abuse, assault or any other issues which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm. They help people by listening, caring, offering practical help, simple acts of generosity (eg giving out lollies, flip flops or foil blankets) or by referring people to other agencies who can help them.

The Award Programme was co-sponsored by Surrey County Council and administered by local support and development agency, Surrey Community Action.



Surrey Community Action is a registered charity which works to strengthen and support the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) across Surrey through access to advice, training, funding and advocacy. Surrey Community Action actively encourages volunteering and the details of local volunteer centres in Surrey can be found on our website at: http://www.surreyca.org.uk/cvs_vc_details.htm