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Volunteers across Surrey were presented with awards this week at the University of Surrey following a celebration to publicise helping others. Surrey Inspirations Award, promoted by Surrey Strategic Partnership and Surrey Police had two main aims; to recognise the outstanding achievements of some of the army of volunteers working across Surrey and to inspire others to think about getting involved.

The award programme, partly funded by WEA, asked for nominations in 8 categories. Other sponsors, including the University of Surrey, helped make the event a special occasion for those receiving awards. The winners were:

Chief Constable's Local Heroes Award

An individual or group who has gone beyond expectation in helping to make Surrey a safer place in which to live, work and travel.

Winner – Staines Street Angels



The Chief Constable with Staines Street Angels

Courage Award

A person who through an exceptional act of courage and determination, has protected others from harm and to help create a safe and confident neighbourhood

Winner – Oliver Tompsett, Lindsey Hanks and David Hanks

Youth Award – Sponsored by High Sheriff of Surrey Awards

A young person (19 or under or 25 and under where the young person has a disability and/or learning difficulty) who makes an active and positive contribution to their community.

Winner – Chris Jefferies and Cara Bennett

Community Safety Award – Sponsored by Surrey Crimestoppers

An individual or group who, through their activities, makes their local community safer eg crime prevention, consumer protection, fire and road safety.

Winner - Mary Wethey

Working together Across Communities

A person or group that has worked to improve the quality of life in a neighbourhood and encourages cohesive communities by bringing different groups, cultures and faiths together.

Winner – Raj Chhetri

Life-time Achievement Award

A person who has made an outstanding and exceptional long term commitment to voluntary/community causes as a volunteer.

Winner – Elaine Lush

Going Green Award

An individual or group who has made an outstanding effort to improve the environment and lives of people around them eg energy-saving initiatives, improvements to the natural environment.

Winner – Jill Stephens

Inspiration Award

An individual or a group activity that has inspired others to volunteer

Winner – Su Johnston



Dr Povey with Su Johnston

Tim Prideaux, Chair of Crimestoppers said, "there are two very important words we often forget to say 'Thank you' and this is why my organisation was pleased to be asked to take part.

Surrey Community Action organises the event on behalf of the Surrey Strategic Partnership and Surrey Police and were delighted to act as the administrators. CEO, Jean Roberts-Jones said "Our aim as an organisation is to strengthen and support the voluntary, community and faith sector and inspiring volunteers to come forward is vital to local groups who need more help. If anyone is interested in finding out more, they can ring 0845 0344111 and a local volunteer centre will help them or look on the website www.do-it.org.uk for opportunities.

If anyone wishes to nominate someone for the 2011 awards, please contact Anne Barry at Surrey Community Action on 01483 447116 or email anneb@surreyca.org.uk