

# MAYOR'S PRIDE AWARDS 2015

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## So much to be proud of in our district heroes

The winners of an annual community event were unveiled at a glittering ceremony last week with awards going to testicular cancer campaigners, a long-serving city milkman and a disabled community event.

Notable members of the city were recognised at this year's Mayor's Pride Awards at a ceremony held at the Alban Arena last Thursday.

Eight awards were presented on the night to people and groups, all nominated by the public and selected by a panel of judges.

Winners included milkman Mick Tutton, named Community Champion of the Year, who has served St Michaels, Kingsbury and Camlet Way in St Albans for 38 years and Emma Cox, who won the Young Person of Distinction Award for caring for her mother who suffers from multiple sclerosis.

Brothers Andrew and Simon Salter, whose social media testicular cancer campaign, #feelingnuts, led to Channel 4's *The Feeling Nuts Comedy Night*, were also recognised, winning the Cultural

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Innovation of the Year award.

Simon said: "2014 was a massive year for us.

"After over four years of dedication, our awareness campaign Feeling Nuts engaged the world with participation in 157 countries including Ricky Gervais, Hugh Jackman, Neil Patrick Harris, Usain Bolt and Miley Cyrus and was seen over 750 million times.

"We are so grateful for all of those who kindly offered their time, support and resources over the years to get this far. It was a true honour to be recognised by the Mayor in our home town and the place that we love so much!

"We are enormously passionate to do so much more in innovating entertainment and social media to create further social change."

Volunteer Terry Dean, who has just celebrated 50 years maintaining the cricket pitch and bowling green at Clarence Park, received the Mayor's Recognition Award for



■ St Albans Mayor Cllr Geoff Harrison with winners of this year's Pride Awards

his commitment, having started in 1964.

Other winners include St Albans Special Olympics as Community Project of the Year for its weekly sports programme for 160 members aged eight years and up.

Non-profit organisation Computer Friendly won Community Oriented Business of the Year, for its help to disadvantaged, unemployed, retired and disabled people.

Head of Lussmann's Fish and Grill restaurant, Andrei Lussman, was crowned Environmental Champion of the Year.

Volunteers at the city's Radio Verulam were rewarded for the ir ongoing efforts in overhauling the studios, systems and transmitters.

Former British Legion champion, Don Dell, was given the Inclusive Communities Award for organising various acts of remembrance, including wreath laying for Armed Forces Day, Burma Star events and Remembrance Day in November.

He also organises the poppy collection in St Albans which raised more than £71,000 in 2014.

St Albans Mayor, Cllr Geoff Harrison, said: "I congratulate all

the award winners and thank them for their efforts and hard work for the community.

"I was amazed by the achievements of all the individuals and organisations nominated for the awards and it was a difficult task to select the winners.

"These awards honour and recognise the work and generous spirit of local community heroes who may otherwise go unnoticed."

The district council presents the awards in association with the *Herts Advertiser*, Radio Verulam and the Centre for Voluntary Service (CVS).



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