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Dear Durley Parish Council

## **Local Hero Awards**

It is with great pleasure that as Mayor of Winchester, I am able to present this parish council with a Local Hero Award in recognition for the ongoing efforts your team have been making to ensure local people are cared for when they have most needed help during this pandemic.

The past seven months have been some of the most challenging globally for more than half a century. Throughout, we have seen individuals and organisations making sacrifices to help others in their community. In this respect, during the very worst of times we have seen the very best in human nature. This award is intended to go some way to recognise this and say thank you.

Parish council teams across the district have played a key role in helping their communities during this time and making their neighbourhoods feel safer and providing people guidance, advice and comfort when they needed it most. I am proud to be able to mark this with a public gesture of recognition on behalf of Winchester City Council.

Owing to social distancing measures and rules on mass gatherings, these awards are being sent to you directly. Should there be scope to organise a thank you event in the future, we will contact you to let you know.

The Winchester district is a wonderful place to live, work and visit – and key to that is having such caring parish councils who help make it that way. Thank you for your efforts.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Patrick Cunningham Mayor of Winchester