

## **BEST OF BEVERLEY AWARDS - BUSINESS**

### **Commended:**

- **Adams Tyres**  
For being a true family business that supports local charities including Beverley Town Football Club, and always makes sure people in Beverley who are stranded with tyre issues get a free callout and first-rate service.
- **Flames of Beverley**  
For supporting local good causes and charity shops, by purchasing items from them to repurpose as vessels for homemade candles. Not only does this support local charity shops, but also shows how a local business can be founded on recycle and being environmentally friendly.
- **Karinya Yoga**  
For providing a friendly, safe and inclusive space and service, where friendships can be formed, wellbeing enhanced and people can find a rewarding sense of community.
- **KSR Events**  
For delivering a range of innovative and fun family events that enrich the local lives and has Beverley at heart, whilst also giving back to the community, such as raising funds for Christmas hamper appeals and organising huge donations drives for East Yorkshire Foodbank.
- **Lakeland**  
For being a big-name store that gives big time back to the community, ranging from being a longstanding supporter of the Beverley Pancake Race, to donating prizes to many fundraisers both in Beverley and Hull, alongside supporting local independent traders and being a key player in the Beverley Shopwatch scheme.
- **Oh My Dog**  
For helping to create a community of customers who are welcome to come in for a chat even if they don't purchase anything, alongside organising events for dogs and their owners and raising money for Guide Dogs UK – plus matching people up with the rescue dog of their dreams!
- **Quick and Clarke**  
For supporting a range of community events, especially sponsorship for the annual Beverley 10K race, providing refreshments for Tour de Yorkshire competitors and helping to promote Beverley – a town the staff team love to live in.
- **Wilkin Chapman**  
For being proud to engage with a wide range of community groups, including East Riding Theatre and East Riding College, insistence on using local businesses and tradespeople, while also collecting items for East Yorkshire Food Bank among others and raising funds through a workplace charity committee.

## Highly Commended:

- **East Riding Aesthetics and Wellness**

For supporting individuals through difficult times and helping to improve their health and quality of life. For providing complementary menopause awareness sessions to many local businesses, to help raise awareness of this matter and thereby helping hundreds of women to improve their quality of life. Support is also given to many local charities and worthwhile organisations, going above and beyond the key focus of the business.

- **The Grapes**

For being a true local pub, which has the community at heart, where customers of all ages are welcome and can forge friendships. For working hard to raise thousands of pounds for local, regional and national charities, including AFC Tickton, Wildlife Alliance, East Riding Foodbank, Bundles of Joy and many more. For positively enhancing the reputation of this historic pub and making it known for the right reasons.

- **Just Beverley**

For promoting everything that is wonderful about Beverley and helping to connect people through the printed word. For being true in spirit to legacy of a strong, local press and helping to celebrate good news stories, local celebrations and shining a light on the good work of local people that would otherwise go unseen. At a time when too much of the media is negative and reactionary, Just Beverley is unique with its positive and feel-good features which celebrate the best of our town.

- **Parkway Cinema**

For providing not just a cinema, but a community venue that has been used to raise funds for a wide range of charities, including Macmillan Cancer Car, Alzheimer's UK and many others. For enhancing the cultural lives of residents, not just through access to the latest movies, but by also holding screenings for a wide range of groups that might otherwise feel excluded from the cinema – people with dementia and autism, parents and toddlers, seniors, etc. By providing a safe and inclusive environment, this small, independent family business wants to support the town - on a very local level, Parkway has helped many local groups, including Beverley Baptist Church, Beverley Flower Club, Dementia Friends East Riding, East Yorkshire Foodbank, Beverley Pride, Beverley Film Club, Abbie's Fund, Beverley Community Lift and more, alongside actively supporting local businesses by providing a platform for their products.

## Champion:

- **Art and Soul**

For being a unique and inclusive business, which is the focal point of the local creative community. Art and Soul provides a space where local artists can showcase and sell their work, thereby sustaining small, often one-person businesses and strengthening Beverley's role as a cultural hub. It has become a destination in itself and helps to promote the rest of what Beverley has to offer, by serving as an information tourist information centre. Run With It art groups take place throughout the year at local schools, helping children to express themselves through different art forms and encouraging pupils who might otherwise struggle to find their own voice to do so. Art and Soul supports a range of local and national charities, ranging from The Friends of St Mary's Church to the Terence Higgins Trust. During the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, they were a key point to purchase celebratory merchandise, raising over £1,600 for the Cherry Tree Community Centre. It is also an active member of Beverley Open Studios and supports a many local initiatives, both art-based and beyond. Art and Soul is a unique business that serves the local community in so many ways and is an inspiration.

## **BEST OF BEVERLEY AWARDS - COMMUNITY**

### **Commended:**

- **Beverley and District U3A**  
For creating a welcoming organisation, which helps to bring older people together to expand their interests, try new things and embrace the ethos of “learn, laugh, live”. Over 600 local members benefit from almost 50 different interest groups, proving the importance of lifelong learning and being part of a community of likeminded people.
- **Beverley Breezers Cycling Group for Women**  
For developing a free, inclusive cycling group led by women, for women. The Beverley branch of the Breezers was founded 8 years ago and ensures all the members of the group are welcome, with the ethos of “slowest rider’s pace, no one is left behind”. Health, wellbeing and friendship, whilst also appreciating the beauty of Beverley by bicycle.
- **Beverley Rugby Union Football Club Under 15s**  
For running a nurturing and inclusive community for families, where every young player is truly made to feel like a team member. For creating opportunities to not just play a sport, but to be part of something that is greater than any one individual, led by dedicated and caring coaches who are loyal, patient and respectful. This is more than a team – it is an extended family.
- **Cherry Tree Advice Service**  
For being a lifeline for innumerable individuals and families over many years. For supporting people as they experience challenging life issues and helping them find a positive way forward with care and compassion. For being there for anyone, no matter who they are, when they need help, advice, guidance and a friend.
- **Church Lads and Church Girls Bridge**  
For providing a safe, engaging community managed by dedicated volunteer leaders, who support children and young people, giving them so many wonderful experiences and the chance to make life-long friends. A true Beverley institution.
- **Stage4Beverley**  
For delivering a creative and inclusive community festival, which not only promotes Beverley, but enables everyone to experience music and entertainment of a high standard. This is thanks to dozens of local volunteers, who serve the Town and welcome others to it, in a friendly, enjoyable way.

### **Highly Commended:**

- **Beverley and District Talking Newspaper**  
For delivering a vital service to those in Beverley and the surrounding district, who struggle with sight loss and disability. For helping to break down communication barriers and ensuring people who might otherwise feel disconnected from events in Beverley become part of the community. The power of the human voice is sometimes forgotten in a world of multimedia communications – the volunteers at the talking newspaper know how important it is that those who struggle to read print can still access reports, news and stories and the positive impact it has on all beneficiaries.
- **Beverley Rugby Union Football Club**  
For running an organisation that has an atmosphere which is always very warm and friendly, and which reaches out to and works with many other partners, groups and individuals. For over many decades, developing a facility at the Rugby Club that has a positive culture, nurtured by dedicated volunteers who are unsung heroes. For going above and beyond rugby itself, by organising wonderful community events, like Bevfest and Beverley Pride. With members young and old, three words sum up everything about Beverley RUFC – fun, friendship and fitness!

- Beverley, East Riding, Facebook Group**  
 For keeping Beverley connected, whether it be promoting local events, holding out the hand of friendship, seeking advice and support or just wanting to share something positive about the town. For helping to reduce isolation, build friendships, share ideas and gather information. The Beverley, East Riding, Facebook Group highlights the positive side of online communications, by bringing people together and giving a voice to the community. It keeps people within the town linked together, whilst also enabling those who move away to remain connected to their home town. Excellently run by a team of efficient administrators and with thousands of followers, it's commitment to our town is an online marvel.
- Cherry Tree Community Association Trustees**  
 For being the unsung heroes who ensure the Cherry Tree Community Association continues to thrive and deliver vital services to the Beverley Community. Trustees of organisations often go unknown and do not receive the praise they should. As volunteers, they have to comply with charity laws, raise funds, manage staff, plan strategies and fulfil many other functions that take place in the background. The different services Cherry Tree provides rightly receive much well-earned praise, but this award is to thank the trustees, bring them into the limelight and thank them for everything they do.
- Mental Health Mates Beverley**  
 For being more than just a walking a group, but a source of comfort and strength for anyone suffering with their mental health or who needs a friend to walk and talk with, without fear of judgement. Strong friendships are formed, which naturally lead on to support networks, and those who may feel isolated can find a compassionate and fun community to join. Mental Health Mates Beverley is now getting referrals from health professionals, who have seen the difference the group has made to its members. Thank you to Clare and all those involved, who have proved that out of walking together, true and lasting friendships can be forged.
- Wombles of Beverley**  
 For being a huge force for environmental good, by coordinating dozens of people and groups to take part in litter picking activities. Even if you are not a member of the Wombles, every resident of Beverley benefits from their hard work keeping the streets clean. For being extremely proactive – rather than complaining about litter, deciding to get out and make a difference. But it goes beyond that. Once again, this is a group where friendships are formed and a sense of place and community is nurtured. The whole town is lucky to have so many people prepared to join together, clean the streets and be proud to be a Womble of Beverley.

### **Champion:**

- Keith's Memorial Walk**  
 For raising almost £10,000 in memory of Keith Wood, who sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Christmas Day 2022. Walking from York Minster to Beverley Minster between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023, the purpose was to raise funds to install defibrillators in our town. So far, these have been installed at the Angel Pub and Lord Nelson, both places Keith enjoyed visiting. More locations are planned. Out of sadness, Keith's family have achieved something remarkable, by raising so much money to purchase vital, lifesaving equipment. This is truly inspirational, a worthy community champion and most definitely an example of the best of Beverley.