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Your hosts for this afternoon's ceremony are
Simon Dolby, Development Lead at
Mind in Bexley and East Kent,
and **Nicola Everett**, kmfm newsreader

The itinerary for the ceremony is:

The Lord Mayor of Canterbury, **Cllr Keji Moses**
formally welcomes winners and guests

Author Julie Wassmer to provide the keynote address

Local area winners announced

Paul Barrett from Barretts Motor Group
to deliver the Reflection

**The climax to today's Revival Community Awards
will be the naming of Category Champions**

The ceremony concludes at 4.30pm

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Canterbury area winners

Caroline Anglim – Town & Country Housing
Maria Kemp and Margaret Northey – All Saints Church
Georges Dussart – Sochin Karate Club
Lewis Walsh – Pilgrims Way School
Carmen du Preez – Kent County Council
Oliver Enwonwu – Oliver Enwonwu Studio
Nicky Russell – Blossom Homecare
Chris Gage – Thrive Homecare
Lynda Jenner – Spring Lane Community Centre
Martin Ward – Canterbury Food Bank
Ethnic Minorities in Canterbury
Liz Rook and Linda Dalton – All Saints Church, Canterbury
John Hippisley – Canterbury Tours
Geraldine Fish – Friends of Solly's Orchard
Claire Bode – Active Life
Pauline Walters – St Stephen's Resident Association
Christopher Reeves – Barclays Bank
The Fifth Trust
Nicola Carey-Shine – Learn to Shine School
Martin Vye – Canterbury Society
Tracy Farrow and Gareth Boiling – Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Friends of Kingsmead Field
Benedict Sloane – Canterbury Umbrella
Vitoslava Barabolia – Canterbury College

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Herne Bay area winners

Tyler Chitty - Herne Bay Pride

PC Wayne Hughes – Kent Police

Volunteer drivers: Lynne Gordine, Barry Church, Kirk Potter and Anthony Dennis – Age UK Whitstable and Herne Bay

Christine Recton – Guardian Angels Dog Rescue

Katherine Rose and Victoria Cooke – Herne Bay Infant and Nursery School

Miss Capon, Mrs Treacher, Mrs Matigh – Herne Bay High School

Herne Bay PCN Health Champions

SEND team Herne Bay High School

Molly Gosling – MGFit

East Kent Pandas Support Group

Tjarda Thomas – Herne Bay Junior Park Run

Whitstable area winners

Tracey Edwards – Revival Food & Mood

Karen Esland and Vaughan Lewis – Open Door Community Hub

Adrian Penfold – Westmeads Primary School

Jane Myhill – St John's Parish Church, Swalecliffe & Chestfield

Aaron Lucas – Kiwi Klean

Ray Berry, Maria Howdon and Ross White – East Kent Spurs Supporters Club

Anne Hill – Royal British Legion, Whitstable Branch

Tom Tsangarides – Inclusive Sport Kent CIC

Diane Wilkin and Lucy Coombs – Playmates Parent and Child Group, Harbour Church

Photos and video from today's ceremony will be available to download at: eastkentmind.org.uk/revivalcommunityawards

Winners and attendees are asked to share this content on their websites and social media, using the hashtag: **#RevivalAwards**

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Diane Wilkin and Lucy Coombs: Playmates Parent and Child Group, Harbour Church

For over 20 years, Playmates Parent and Child Group on Harbour Street, Whitstable has provided a welcoming space for families to connect, play and find support. At its heart are dedicated volunteers Diane Wilkin and Lucy Coombs, supported by Tracy Sage, Sue Corke and Alison Gray.

Together, they create a safe, nurturing environment where parents build friendships and children learn and grow. Diane and Lucy's dedication, kindness and commitment have supported hundreds of families, building a valued community Parent and Child Group.

Anne Hill: Royal British Legion, Whitstable Branch

Anne Hill has dedicated over forty years as Whitstable's Poppy Appeal Organiser, raising up to £30,000 annually through events, speaking engagements and tireless coordination with local organisations to honour Remembrance.

She co-ordinated the annual Walk of Remembrance for many years and continues to serve on the Whitstable Remembers committee, alongside her longstanding role with the Royal British Legion in Whitstable. Kind and humble, Anne works quietly behind the scenes, embodying commitment, dignity and community spirit in everything she does.

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Herne Bay PCN Health Champions

Herne Bay PCN Health Champions have shown outstanding dedication through their Collaborative Practice initiative, bringing volunteers from local GP surgeries together to support community wellbeing. They help deliver wellness walks, Bereavement and Cancer Support Groups, assist at local events and promote activities across the area.

From managing communications and risk assessments to embracing online platforms and inspiring over 80 staff at learning events, the Health Champions have built a supportive network that strengthens community bonds and inspire others to do the same.

Katherine Rose and Victoria Cooke: Herne Bay Infant and Nursery School

Herne Bay Infant and Nursery School is incredibly proud of their dedicated Teaching Assistants, Mrs Cooke and Miss Rose, who are swimming 22 miles - the equivalent of crossing the English Channel - to raise funds for the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme.

Following the School's recent Gold Award achievement, their efforts will help to continue providing active, imaginative and joyful play times. Training regularly at Heron Swimming Pool, while balancing work and family life, they are supporting active, imaginative play that brings daily joy to the pupils.



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Lewis Walsh: Pilgrims Way School

Lewis Walsh runs an inspiring Forest School at Pilgrims Way Primary School, creating a nurturing outdoor space that supports pupils' wellbeing in all weathers. From sheltered learning areas and nature projects to campfire cooking, he is passionate about developing the children's ability to explore, discover and learn outdoors.

He leads whole-class sessions and small group interventions to build confidence and security, and has welcomed local secondary pupils who find school challenging. Through forest sessions and parent-child groups, he ensures children feel heard, valued and supported.

Volunteer drivers: Lynne Gordine, Barry Church, Kirk Potter and Anthony Dennis: Age UK Whitstable and Herne Bay

Thanks to volunteer drivers, Lynne Gordine, Barry Church, Kirk Potter and Anthony Dennis, Age UK in Herne Bay and Whitstable is able to deliver hot meals seven days a week, 365 days a year. They help to provide around 80 meals daily to vulnerable people across the community.

For many, this may be their only hot meal and their only visitor that day. Volunteers not only deliver food but carry out welfare checks, reporting any concerns to their reception team and accessing emergency contacts when needed. Their dedication, commitment and teamwork make this vital service possible.

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Young Friends of Kingsmead Field

Alice and Ava Pollard founded the Young Friends of Kingsmead Field in 2023 to encourage children from the community to get involved with nature and improve their local area. Since then, they have volunteered tirelessly, trimming trees, cleaning vandalised benches and organising regular litter picks.

They also lead engaging events including wildflower sowing, snowdrop planting, river dipping and their popular annual HallowClean, with local councillors. Giving up weekends and after-school time, they are an inspiring example of young people making a positive difference.

The Fifth Trust

The Fifth Trust is a charity that supports over 180 adults with learning disabilities across Kent, offering creative, vocational and accredited learning opportunities tailored to individual needs. Through its expanding AQA Unit Award Scheme, more than 600 certificates have been achieved since September last year, boosting confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing.

With a strong person-centred approach, dedicated staff and growing community partnerships, the charity champions inclusive adult education, empowering students to feel valued, capable and actively connected to their wider community.



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Ray Berry, Maria Howdon and Ross White: East Kent Spurs Supporters Club

Established in April 2024, the East Kent Spurs Supporters Club (EKSSC) has been committed from the outset to supporting local communities through charitable action. The Club has been raising funds for the Legend on the Bench Charity, supporting those facing mental health challenges and working to reduce suicide.

Members, alongside Ray Berry, Maria Howdon and Ross White, have organised numerous fundraising events to install illuminated benches featuring helpline numbers and QR codes for 24/7 support. With 12 benches planned across Kent, their ambitious vision is already becoming reality.

Molly Gosling: MGFit

A superbly organised Mind and Body event last year, led by personal trainer Molly Gosling, brought together more than two dozen participants for a powerful wellbeing experience. The event, at Peak Performance Gym in Hersden, raised over £800 for charity and encouraged many attendees to continue with sessions that blend movement and mental wellbeing.

Molly is a truly positive force in the community, welcoming everyone and offering support, especially to those facing challenges. Her ongoing sessions foster connection, inclusion and a stronger, healthier community.

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Vitoslava Barabolia: Canterbury College

Vitoslava, Student Union President at Canterbury College, has brought energy, passion and determination to her role while excelling in her studies. She has championed inclusion and diversity, creating new officer roles to better represent different student groups and ensuring every voice is heard.

Leading campaigns to challenge racism and increase the feeling of community and belonging, she combines strategic thinking with genuine care. Having arrived as a Ukrainian refugee, with her mother and sister, Vita's resilience, leadership and commitment to 4,500 students make her truly exceptional.

Liz Rook and Linda Dalton: All Saints Church, Canterbury

Liz Rook and Linda Dalton are exceptional leaders whose compassion and commitment make a lasting difference in their community. They run the Community Larder each Friday morning, offering a vital, stigma-free foodbank service to individuals and families facing hardship.

More than practical support, they create a welcoming and reassuring space rooted in dignity and care. They also organise an annual Christmas Market, raising funds for a festive dinner that brings joy and support to over 100 families each year at a time of great need.

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Martin Vye: Canterbury Society

Martin Vye has dedicated over 50 years to improving life in Canterbury. From his early role at The King's School to decades of service as a Kent County Councillor and Canterbury City Councillor, and Lord Mayor, he has championed transport, education, children's welfare and action on poverty.

He played a key role in saving Westgate Hall, helped establish the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, founded the Canterbury Alliance for Sustainable Transport, and led the project on Food Welfare in Canterbury District. Martin has always worked with determination, humility and consensus.

Martin Ward: Canterbury Food Bank

Martin Ward became Chair of Trustees at Canterbury Food Bank early in 2019. During Covid, its services had to rapidly transform to ensure emergency food remained accessible. They also faced becoming homeless when their lease expired and under Martin's stewardship were able to find new premises and mounted a fundraising campaign to pay the extra costs.

The Food Bank also introduced new digital contact routes and launched a doorstep delivery model, while extending support across the district. With demand rising, the charity now delivers over 136,000 meals annually, sustaining thousands of local residents.

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