

Barnet

CIVIC AWARDS

2025

Tuesday 29th April 2025

7.00pm

Town Hall

Hendon NW4 4BG





Welcome to Barnet's 25th Annual Civic Awards

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 25th Annual Civic Awards. At this ceremony, we gather to celebrate the remarkable achievements and contributions of individuals and groups who have made a significant impact on our community.

For a quarter of a century, the Civic Awards have been a beacon of recognition, shining a light on the extraordinary efforts of those who strive to make the London Borough of Barnet a better place. We honour their dedication and unwavering commitment to service.

As we reflect on the past 25 years, we are reminded of the countless stories of inspiration and the profound difference that each award recipient has made. Their work embodies the spirit of community and the values that we hold dear.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the nominees and award recipients. Thank you for joining us in this celebration of excellence and community spirit.

**The Worshipful the Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet
Councillor Tony Vourou**



Roger Chapman

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 or
Lifetime Achievement

Often referred to as 'Mr East Finchley', Roger is recognised for his extensive voluntary contributions to the East Finchley community over more than 40 years, including his roles as a governor of local schools, chair or trustee of various community organisations, and his efforts in local planning and environmental projects. His dedication to community service, alongside his wife Kate Brown, has made a significant impact on local initiatives.



Angela Moore

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for
Lifetime Achievement

Angela is recognised for her nearly 40 years of unwavering dedication to the North Road Community Centre, where she played a pivotal role in its formation and operation, tirelessly working to bring families together and support various community groups.



Malcolm Ozin OBE

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for
Lifetime Achievement

Malcolm is recognised for his over 55 years of dedication to the Jewish Blind & Disabled (JBD) charity, where he played a crucial role in establishing and expanding the organisation to support people with physical disabilities and vision impairments.



Harry Gilling

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for
Outstanding Service to the Community

Harry is recognised for his long-term dedication to the Watling Community Centre, where he has volunteered since his youth, taught martial arts for over 25 years, and significantly improved the centre's operations and community engagement as director and chairman. He also spearheaded the creation of a memorial for WWII heroes and established a charity arm to support the less fortunate, demonstrating his commitment to both honouring history and fostering community welfare.



Alan and Theresa Kelsey

**Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for
Outstanding Service to the Community**

Alan and Theresa are recognised for their 28 years of dedication to running the Whetstone Wanderers Youth Football Club, the largest grassroots community club in Barnet and Middlesex, which serves over 600 children across 50+ teams. Their tireless efforts in fundraising and providing support for children, including those with disabilities, have made a significant positive impact on the community.



Hayes Rees

**Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for
Outstanding Service to the Community**

Hayes Rees is recognised for his unwavering commitment to the community, including his role as director of the Multiple Sclerosis Union shop in East Barnet Village since 2018 and his tireless fundraising efforts for Macmillan Cancer Support. His local campaigns, such as securing a bus stop in honour of his late grandmother and initiating a traders association to boost the local economy, further highlight his dedication to improving the lives of those around him.



Monna Rizvi

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for Outstanding Service to the Community

Monna is recognized for her tireless efforts in promoting multi-faith cohesion and environmental improvements in the borough through her roles at Middlesex University and the Barnet Multi Faith Forum. She has been instrumental in organising significant community events, such as Interfaith Week and Mitzvah Day, which have become annual traditions, showcasing her dedication and commitment.



Naomi Russell

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for Outstanding Service to the Community

Naomi is recognised for founding Food Bank Aid in March 2020, a charity that now supports over 20,000 people weekly, including 5,000 children, by coordinating food and essential supplies to local food banks. Her tireless dedication, innovative approach, and compassionate leadership have significantly alleviated food poverty and inspired community involvement in North London.



Dr Michael Worms BEM

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for Outstanding Service to the Community

Dr Worms is recognised for his extensive contributions to the Barnet community, including his efforts to save and protect the Darlands Nature Reserve, his leadership roles in various local organisations, and his dedication to environmental conservation and historical preservation. His work as a trustee, speaker, and organiser has significantly impacted the community, showcasing his deep knowledge and commitment to local causes.



Paarth Aggarwal

Winner of the London Borough of Barnet Civic Awards 2025 for Outstanding Service to the Community as a Young Citizen of Barnet

Paarth is recognised for his innovative use of technology to drive positive societal and environmental change, including winning the Intel AI Global Impact Challenge for his app to improve learning for children with autism. His dedication extends to developing AI-powered solutions for reducing fly-tipping, promoting technological literacy, and supporting non-native English speakers, showcasing his commitment to inclusiveness and sustainability.

Certificate Scrolls of Recognition

Lifetime Achievement

Hope Yoloye

Outstanding Service to the Community

Mikey Bedoya
Kate Brown
Friern Barnet Community Library Volunteers
Khamir Jang Gurung
Dianne Murphy
Irene Peel
Melvyn Rees
Rephael House
The Rotary Club of Barnet
Susanne Vangnoo

Young Citizen of Barnet

Kitty Jackson
Eitan Okrent

Full list of nominees

Afghanistan and Central Asian Association
Paarth Aggarwal
Amanda Barbanel
Dr Rashmi Becker MBE
Mikey Bedoya
Kate Brown
Roger Chapman
Peter Charsley
Friern Barnet Community Library Volunteers
Harry Gilling
Khamir Jang Gurung
Samantha Haycock
Kitty Jackson
Bob Janes
Alan and Theresa Kelsey
Women's Sub-Committee, Kokni Organisation London
Angela Moore
Dianne Murphy
Eitan Okrent
Malcolm Ozin MBE
Farzana Parkar
Irene Peel
Billy Phillips
Hayes Rees
Melvyn Rees
Rephael House
Monna Rizvi
The Rotary Club of Barnet
Naomi Russell
Joe Taylor
Susanne Vangnoo
Rob White
Dr Michael Worms BEM
Hope Yoloye



Thank you

Barnet
**CIVIC
AWARDS**
2025

Photographs can be ordered directly from the photographer

simon@oconnor.co.uk

07958 573219