



**Wychavon District Council
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**To Town and Parish Clerks in Wychavon
who contribute to the
Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Award**

Dear Town/Parish Clerk

Discontinuation of the Chairman's Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards.

I am writing to notify you that after a report to Executive Board earlier this year, it has been agreed to discontinue the Chairman's Diamond Jubilee Community Recognition Awards. This is in favour of a new annual Community Recognition Awards which will incorporate and combine multiple similar schemes run by the Council.

As you will know the Chairman's awards were started by Wychavon District Council in 1993 in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of HM The Queen's Accession to the throne. It has recognised many individuals and groups over the years who have volunteered their time and skills and given exceptional service to others. The scheme, which was originally known as the Wychavon Bursary Awards, was refreshed in 2012 in celebration of The Queens Diamond Jubilee. There is currently a total of 29 contributors in the scheme. Each participating parish council paid a £50 donation to be in the scheme, the town councils paid £150 to be in the scheme and Wychavon topped up funds with £2000. See contributors list attached.

In the past, the interest accrued had been used to pay for the monetary awards. There is a remaining balance in the account, some of which was credit brought forward from the original scheme. Discussions have taken place about the best way to disperse of this money fairly. One suggestion made to move the balance to the new community recognition awards scheme. The alternative is to return the monies back to the parish/town councils who paid into the scheme, including those in the original 1993 scheme. Anything left over will then be donated to the community recognition awards.

In the interests of fairness and transparency it would therefore, be very helpful if you could advise your parish/town councils' preference by filling in the return slip below or by emailing my secretary karen.maslen@wychavon.gov.uk. Thank you.