

Axbridge Community Civic Award

2014

Citation

This award is given to **Edith Channon** for her outstanding contribution to the community of Axbridge.

Edith is an invaluable member of the Axbridge Community; in fact one of her proposers suggests that 'She is Axbridge'. She is a valued member of the Royal British Legion, serving both as a poppy appeal collector, doing house to house collections for 25 years so far and as a branch committee member. For the past 6 years she has done a tremendous job keeping the war memorial troughs and planters in excellent condition and appearance, throughout the whole year, by replanting and weeding and this includes the garden at the back of the memorial as well. Edith has given Axbridge a much admired war memorial, honouring those who fell. She was a volunteer custodian at the Museum for a number of years, has been on the Town Council and been Mayor three times and the only Mayor in recent memory to serve two consecutive years, she is also involved with the Harvest Home, she is a Trustee for the Axbridge Playmates and was majorly involved in the town twinning with Houlgate. Edith has been in the Blackberry Carnival as a walking entry with Pricilla Chard for many years. Their entry is always eagerly anticipated by regular visitors to the carnival. She is also a co-ordinator for Oyez, the town council newsletter. She is church steward of the Axbridge Methodist Church and works tirelessly to keep that church alive and thriving. She raises funds for good causes by holding coffee mornings and she supports the wider church community in the town. This list of things Edith has been involved with, committed to and volunteered for is by no means exclusive. Certainly you could easily find many more causes, opportunities and committees that Edith has contributed to.

She has been described by her nominators variously as a welcoming, supportive, deserving, tireless, a hard working member of the community and an 'all round good egg'.