

Axbridge Community Civic Award

2012

Citation

This award is given to **John Bailey** for his outstanding contribution to the community of Axbridge.

Axbridge is a close community with a strong sense of its own history. Once every ten years a large proportion of the community get together and celebrate Axbridge by re-enacting scenes from its colourful and varied past. It may take the time and effort of many people to make a successful Pageant, but it also needs a John Bailey to make it happen.

John has given an enormous gift of time, energy and skill directing not just one, but two Axbridge Pageants, in 2000 and 2010, Each Pageant has involved over two years' dedicated work, a truly monumental task that is a credit both to him and to the community spirit of Axbridge.

In between Pageants, John has somehow found time to be a leading light of the Axbridge Community Theatre, another project where the emphasis is on community and enjoyment.

John's work for the Axbridge Pageant and the Axbridge Community Theatre has left a strong legacy for the town, as well as continuing pleasure for everyone involved, whether on stage, behind the scenes or just as happy audience.