

# Axbridge Community Civic Award

2011

## Citation

This award is given to **John Chard** for his outstanding contribution to the community of Axbridge during the past five decades.

During that time, John Chard has worked quietly and tirelessly to help make sure that many important events in the town take place. No amount of rain, snow or personal difficulties have been able to dampen his determination, or make him less kind and cheerful in the way he works with people.

Whether it is the Axbridge Fun Day, Father Christmas in the Square, cleaning up the Furlong field, helping with the Pageant, putting up Christmas trees around the town, or on countless other occasions, John's work has made Axbridge a better place to live in. When he is not helping out personally, he generously lends tools and equipment to others.

As one nomination for his award put it: 'If you want to know where anything is, ask John. The chances are, he cleaned it and put it away ready for the next event – and if John hasn't got it, he knows a man who has.'

Another nomination pointed out that although John is a man who hides his light under a bushel and does not like to make a fuss about all he does, he has become 'an Axbridge Legend,' because it is impossible to keep so much generous work and kindness hidden.

This Award to John represents a thank-you from Axbridge for all he has put into the town over many years.