

Axbridge Community Civic Award

2015

Citation

This award is given to **Mary Bratt** for her outstanding contribution to the community of Axbridge over the past five decades.

You started the Cheshire Home Volunteer Group and escorted children to France on exchange trips with the Houlgate Society

You are an active member of the Axbridge Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Trefoil Guild and the Mothers' Union.

As a vergers of St John the Baptist Church, you help to clean and clear away after christenings, weddings and funerals, and hand out the order of service for these occasions as well as for the normal church services.

You are also a custodian and caretaker at King John's Hunting Lodge Museum.

In your "spare time" you have taken the elderly to Axbridge Active Living from the Pennings and helped those less mobile with shopping and other odd jobs.

All of this while bringing up your family and supporting you husband as Mayoress when he was Mayor, on two separate occasions.

When I asked how some locals how they would describe you, their responses were always the same: kind, helpful, never stands still, always cheerful, and always ready to help out.

I have known you for 25 years, firstly as a work colleague but also as a friend. I have seen you laugh and smile, but I don't think I have ever seen you angry or down. I know that you have had your tough times when you have not been well, or when Dennis was ill, but I don't think I have ever heard you complain. You always seem so positive.

You are a wonderfully kind and generous person who is highly respected in this community, and you have enhanced that community with all that you do and have done.

Councillor Helen Bridgeman