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Care Focus Somerset – Care Awards Special

## Care Award Finalists 2011



The outstanding achievements of care workers and volunteers in Somerset have been celebrated at this year's Care Awards. The event champions excellence in all aspects of the Care Sector, from end of life care to volunteer meals on wheels. There are around 15,000 people employed in social care in the County and finalists for the 11 awards were selected from more than 130 nominations. The prestigious awards are an opportunity to acknowledge their contribution to the quality care of many thousands of vulnerable people and at the same time raise the profile of careers in care.

More than 300 people attended the ceremony at Wellsprings Leisure Centre in Taunton which was hosted by the BBC's Chris Vacher. The entire event was run through the generosity of local organisations providing sponsorship, with each sponsor announcing the winner on stage.

With some aspects of social care seen in a poor light over recent months, this event allows Somerset to showcase the fantastic work being done and the amazing people who contribute to such a fantastic sector, offering exceptional job satisfaction and fulfilment.

Claire Waddon, Chief Executive Officer, for Care Focus and organiser of the event said: "Each and every one of the finalists is truly wonderful. The heart-warming stories and the care and compassion they have for other people are second to none. Each finalist is so humble and yet the difference they make to other people's lives is outstanding."



**2012 Care Awards will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012**  
Posters and nomination packs will be available in January



**The New Recruit to Social Care Award - Sponsored by Totaljobs.com**  
Olivia Blake – Nominated by Way Ahead Care Ltd,



**Dedication to End of Life Care - Sponsored by St Margaret's Hospice**  
Palliative Care Team - Care South, Crewkerne.



**Outstanding Learner - Sponsored by Somerset College**  
Yvonne Rodber - Somerset Care Ltd – Grovelands, Yeovil.



**Outstanding Trainer/Mentor - Sponsored by Hudson & Hughes Training Ltd**  
Eileen Moschke - Somerset Partnership / Next Steps Volunteer Bureau, Somerset.



**Outstanding Volunteer - Sponsored by Amicus solicitors**  
Meals on Wheels Team - Magna West Somerset Housing Assoc., Watchet area.



**Outstanding Supervisor or Manager - Sponsored by Skills for Care**  
Caroline Sharp - Altogether Care - Sherborne House, Yeovil.



**Outstanding Care or Support Worker - Sponsored by Somerset County Council**  
Brenda Moxey - Brunelcare - Glastonbury Care Home, Glastonbury.



**Outstanding Care or Support Worker - Sponsored by Somerset County Council**  
Jackie Ellis - South West Independence – Bridgwater.



**Outstanding Ancillary Worker (not providing care) - Sponsored by BJ Dixon Walsh**  
Terri Combes - Adult Social Care, Somerset County Council, Yeovil.



**The Tim Catley-Day Award**  
Nicky Hale - Flourish Homes – Bovemoor Extra Care Housing, Street



**Outstanding Contribution Award - Sponsored by NHS Somerset**  
Tabby Hickman - Candlelight Homecare Ltd, Glastonbury

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**Care Focus would like to thank all of the sponsors without which this wonderful event would not be possible.**

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