

# CARE AWARDS



2008

## Social Care Accolades are a huge success

Almost 400 people came together to celebrate the most auspicious date in the Care Industry calendar for the 2008 Annual Care Awards. Held at the Yeovil's Westlands Leisure Complex, the evening attracted it's largest ever attendance with a record number of nominations and 13 awards being presented.

The much sought after accolades are organised by Care Focus Somerset and have the Royal Bank of Scotland as headline sponsors. Event organiser and Care Focus Business Development Manager Claire Waddon said "I am really delighted to be involved in such a great evening and would like to thank all those who have supported this wonderful event. This year has been even more successful than last year. We have had representation from all over the county of Somerset with 360 individual efforts being recognised" she continued "all of the 39 finalists were such worthy nominations and choosing the final 13 winners was a really tough job for the award panel".

Back for the second time to host the ceremony and take charge of proceedings was BBC Points West News Reader Chris Vacher. His authority, warmth and humour really added to the atmosphere of the evening. Images of each nominee were shown on a big screen with the winner being announced by the category sponsor from within a sealed gold envelope. Chris also took time to pay a personal and special tribute to the high standards of care his late mother received from the Social Care Sector.

Every finalist received a high quality goody bag filled with luxury products as well as an exclusive glass paper-weight courtesy of Care Focus. The lucky winners also received a beautiful engraved glass trophy, a floral arrangement and a portrait photography session.

Individual winners are listed below but mention must be made of the emotional and articulate speech made by the sons of the late Tim Catley- Day who presented the "Tim Catley-Day award" in their father's memory. James (ably supported by his younger brother Mark) was justifiably proud of his father's work in the sector and made mention of "how proud and delighted Dad would be to have an award listed in his honour."

To bring the evening to a close, the crowd took to the dance floor to the ever delightful sounds of local and much acclaimed band "Groove-alicious".



## AWARD WINNERS (and Sponsors)

Learning Award - Sponsored by the Learning and Skills Council.

> Mike Hook – New Horizon Centre, Ilminster

Outstanding Volunteer - Sponsored by Hudson and Hughes Training.

> June Roy – SCC, Beckington Day Centre, Frome

Supervisor / Team leader - Sponsored by Dixon Walsh Accountants.

> Claire Mitchard – Oakville Home Care, Frome

Support Staff Award - Sponsored by D R Jones Builders.

> Kathy Polley – Brunelcare Community Services, Bridgwater

Tim Catley - Day Award - Sponsored by the Somerset Primary Care Trust.

> Dawn Wasley – Candlelight Home Care, Glastonbury

Outstanding Achievement Award - Sponsored by Somerset and Dorset Centre of Vocational Excellence - Social Care.

> Kathy Low – Castle House Nursing Home, Keinton Mandeville (nr Somerton)

Outstanding Manager Award - Sponsored by Amicus Solicitors.

> Edwina Taylor – Headway Somerset

Care & Support Worker (6 awards) - Sponsored by Somerset County Council - Community Directorate; Somerset County Council - Learning Disability Services; Registered Care Providers Association; Acanthus Press; Children's Workforce Development Council.

> Karl Appleby – Somerset Care Ltd, Cary Brook, Castle Cary

> Kath Culliford – Mendip Housing, Shepton Mallet

> Lisa Taylor – Kylemore Care, Yeovil

> Belinda Bayliss – Way Ahead, Taunton

> Zoe Roland – Way Ahead, Taunton

> Claire Tailby – Care South, Crewkerne

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Andy Jones of Shooting Pixels Photography

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Wendy Symes

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Martin Hill Photography



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