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**Vision Group for Sidmouth announce
Sustainable Sidmouth Champions Awards 2021**

“PULLING THROUGH LOCKDOWN”

Recognising great things happening over the last year in the Sid Valley

It has been a tumultuous twelve months for everyone. But all around us are signs of rejuvenation as businesses look to the future and people look forward to life opening out again.

During lockdown, many individuals, businesses and groups have been implementing innovative ways to serve our community.

The Vision Group for Sidmouth, with the support of Plastic Warriors and the Town Council's environment committee, aims to champion these efforts and achievements through the Sustainable Sidmouth Champion Awards for 2021.

The Awards will celebrate and recognise the role local people have played in our community by going out of their way to offer help or support.

“We’re asking for your nominations!”

“For our first ever Champions Awards, we are placing special emphasis on “Pulling Through Lockdown”, timed to coincide with the easing of restrictions,” says VGS chair, Peter Murphy.

“We are looking for nominations in three categories for people and organisations who deserve recognition for the extraordinary efforts they have made this year.”

The Community Award focuses on how people have helped our community in some way during the last year. Perhaps volunteers who have put themselves out, or businesses who have gone out of their way to serve the community.

The Resilience Award looks at how individuals, organisations and businesses have adapted to the unique challenges this year and found innovative ways to ‘keep going’. For example, making better use of outdoor space to keep ‘business nearly as usual’, or recognising innovations that are worth retaining for the future.

The Sustainability Award seeks to recognise those who have made real efforts to 'green up' their practices and habits, for example by reducing plastic usage in favour of recyclable materials or working to improve our green environment.

How to nominate

“We would like you to nominate an individual, a business or a group who you feel deserves recognition,” urges Peter Murphy. “To share this information and to join us in congratulating all those who get nominated.”

“We want YOUR ideas, reflecting your experience, viewpoint and appreciation.”

A panel of independent judges will be appointed to assess the entries later in the year. And an Awards Ceremony is planned for the autumn.

Nominations are now open, with more information on the Champions Awards and 'how to nominate' at <https://sidmouth-champions.vgsidmouth.co.uk/>.

“We really look forward to seeing what nominations come in.”

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