

Citizen of the year 2025 nominations:

Clive Elliott

Over the years, Clive has been instrumental in a lot of activities that have benefitted the community of Fairford.

In a paid capacity (which is not part of the criteria for Citizen of the Year, but relevant to all he does and has done in and for the town) Clive introduced a nursery school to Fairford when there was no other facility for working parents – Flying Start Nursery. He also opened a deli in the Market Place, which was a really lovely addition to the shops in the town. He also provided a large and popular camping facility over the Air Tattoo weekend – not just for air enthusiasts who wanted to stay over, but he also encouraged locals to come along and listen to the music, enjoy the food and drink and, of course, the airplanes.

On a voluntary basis, he was the community representative for RAF Fairford for many years, supporting the base and welcoming community visitors to various events on the base.

He has been tirelessly involved on Fairford Primary School PTA and helped introduce and organise a large annual Fairford Fireworks event for Guy Fawkes night.

He has long been a member of Fairford Cricket Club and often helped behind the scenes with community events that are held at the Cricket Club grounds.

He has a long-range vision of uniting sporting groups and clubs at Fairford Cricket Club and has organised the building and use of a new Pétanque pitch in the grounds of Fairford Cricket Club.

More recently, he has become Chair of the Club and is spear-heading a big fundraising campaign to build a new pavilion for the Cricket Club.

He has also opened up the pavilion at the Cricket Club every Wednesday to businesses who may want office space or come and work in a lovely environment with free wifi, tea, coffee.

His way of helping the business community.

He and his wife Catherine also took in a Ukrainian family when they arrived in the UK from their war-torn country and helped them adapt to their new country and helped them start a business in Cirencester. They lived with the Clive and Catherine for 9 months before moving into their own home and starting up their café at the beginning of April.

He is also a long-standing helper at St Mary's Church.

You can bet that if there is anything new going on in Fairford, Clive's name will appear somewhere as a volunteer helper and supporter.

Dave and Donna Bull

For the years of support they have given to Fairford Primary School and the whole school community. Donna and Dave have, between them, been on the school PTA for more years than anyone can remember (with Donna as the current Chair) and have worked tirelessly organising quizzes, discos, cake sales, fireworks displays, Christmas bazaars and so many more events to raise money to improve the daily lives and school experience of the children who attend. In addition, they actively and passionately support PE at the school, and for many years Dave frequently took his minibus full of school children to events they may not otherwise have been able to attend, often staying to offer support to the PE teacher, and leading and encouraging small groups of children.

I asked a number of people for their insights in making this application because the Bulls are so modest I knew they'd be doing far more than I have seen. Everyone gave huge support for the application. Donna was described as "one of the most proactive and positive people I have ever been lucky enough to meet" and "always encouraging others and thinks nothing of all she does herself." When in her post as PE teacher at Fairford Primary School, Rosemary Peck said "The Bull family are always incredibly supportive of Sport and PE at Fairford Primary."

Donna and Dave do all they do with such quiet humility it would be easy for them to slip under the radar. After so many years of this quiet contribution, I, and all those I spoke to, would love their work, passion and encouragement to be publicly recognised.

Jez Mundy

Who's known as 'Womble' on the Festival Committee because he's made the business of rubbish collection and recycling his own. He deliberately made a specialism of a job most would find difficult and disgusting. He's also a bit of a renaissance man, an artisan potter, and endlessly loyal to the Festival and the town.

Mary Ann Dibbs (W4W)

She works so hard for so many, and deserves to be nominated.

Albert Alder Award nominations:**Max Shankland**

Max is interested in keeping Fairford litter free and attended a Council meeting recently to talk about his ideas.

He has been involved in the annual litter pick in the town and is keen to do more to help the environment.

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