
Citizen of the Year

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To Clerks <clerks@fairfordtowncouncil.gov.uk>

I would like to nominate Clive Elliott as Citizen of the Year

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 is now an Honorary Commander at 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.

He is now Chair of the Club and is spear-heading a big fundraising campaign to improve and renovate the pavilion at 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 is also involved with the Business Connect group that introduces local businesses to local groups and clubs in order for them to help and support each other.

Some time ago, Clive and his wife Catherine 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 supported them in starting 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 last 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.

Kind regards

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