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Dear Counselling Service

Local Hero Awards

It is with great pleasure that as Mayor of Winchester, I am able to present you with a Local Hero Award in recognition for the efforts you have made to ensure local people are cared for when they have most needed help during this pandemic.

The past seven months have been some of the most challenging globally for more than half a century. Throughout we have seen individuals making sacrifices to help others in their community. In this respect, during the very worst of times we have seen the very best in human nature. This award is intended to go some way to recognise this and thank you personally for the efforts you have made.

It is people like you who make our neighbourhoods feel a little safer and who make others lives a little more comfortable when they have needed it the most. I am proud to be able to mark this with a public gesture of recognition on behalf of Winchester City Council.

Owing to social distancing measures and rules on mass gatherings, initially these awards are being sent to you directly. Should there be scope to organise a thank you event in the future, we will contact you to let you know.

In the meantime, we would like to include you in a feature of the publicity we are arranging surrounding these awards. We would be delighted if you could send a photo of yourself with your certificate, or one with you at work in the community, for us to include in our coverage as part of a montage. Please send your pictures, with your name, to Localhero@winchester.gov.uk

Winchester is a wonderful place to live, work and visit – it is people like you who make it that way. Thank you for your efforts.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Patrick Cunningham
Mayor of Winchester



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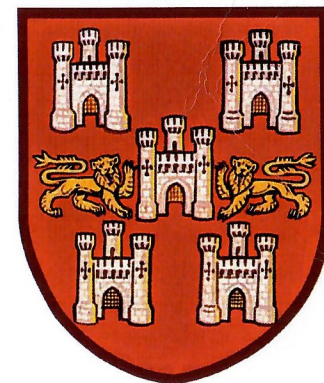
LOCAL HERO AWARD 2020



PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

The Olive Branch Counselling Service

This certificate of appreciation is presented to you in recognition of your commitment to public service to support our communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.



Winchester
City Council

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Patrick Cunningham.

Cllr Patrick Cunningham
Mayor of Winchester

CITATION

The Olive Branch offers vital, affordable professional volunteer counselling to vulnerable residents in Winchester and wider areas in Hampshire suffering with mental health.

Despite the easing of lockdown there is still a sharp increase in demand for counselling in our communities, for support with issues directly related to COVID-19, including: acute anxiety; PTSD, isolation; bereavement and domestic violence.

The 40+ volunteers have been generously donating their time to ensure these vulnerable and low-income residents can get the counselling they desperately need.

SUBMITTED BY EMMA KISS