

Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme Community Benefits Report

The Heart of Aberdeenshire Awards – 21st June 2019

These awards are a real community show-case which helps shine a light on the things people do in each of the Aberdeenshire communities every day, with little recognition otherwise. The 2019 Inspiring Aberdeenshire awards have recognised a group which welcomed scores of refugees to the area, a woman who has taught dancing for more than 60 years and a teenager who raised thousands of pounds to help bereaved parents.

They were among dozens of winners whose contributions to the region were recognised during a heartwarming ceremony organised by Aberdeenshire Council at Haddo House.

Nearly 200 nominations were submitted from across the region, as people sought to have the efforts of various worthy candidates recognised.

The stories of bravery and achievements were interspersed with performances from local groups including the Auchterellon Primary choir and traditional folk band the Rowies.

Sheila Tolmie, Community Liaison Officer from McLaughlin & Harvey represented the Stonehaven Flood Protection Scheme who had the honour of sponsoring and presenting the worthy winners of the 2019 Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring award.

Aberdeenshire Refugee Resettlement Team



This winning team were selected as winners for their work following the introduction of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme. They currently support almost 200 people who have settled across Aberdeenshire, and the ambition of the team is to make sure they have opportunity to make this their home, to support their care, their education and their children's development.



The final prize of the evening went to Alison Young from Ellon, who was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award for representing her community.

She recently retired as music director at Ellon Parish Church after 30 years, and is heavily involved with other music groups as well as being fundamental in providing support to the Syrian refugees who recently settled in the town.



The Winners

- Clara Gray – Aberdeenshire’s Future Award
- Amy Muir – The Inspirational Volunteer Award
- Aberdeenshire Refugee Resettlement Team – The Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award
- Alixa Gunn – The Cultural Award
- Aden Community Allotments – The Beautiful Aberdeenshire Environmental Award
- Katie McDonald – Local Hero Courage Award
- Keith Jensen – The Community Spirit Award
- Alison Young – Lifetime Achievement Award