

County Council – 13th October 2020

Chairman's Announcements

People

Chairman's Commendations awarded in August and September

Earlier this year the Chairman announced a monthly scheme to celebrate the fantastic work of those who have gone above and beyond in supporting their local communities since lockdown began in March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The scheme will run for at least six months and Members are reminded to continue to send in their nominations, a reminder will be sent out just ahead of the deadline in October. During the first week of every month, the Chairman will issue a certificate to those nominated.

The Chairman has been delighted to issue 13 certificates during August and September to individuals, businesses and community groups who have been recognised for their excellent work throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Full details of each Member's nomination can be seen on the council's [website](#).

Awards

Ministry of Defence (MOD) Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award

The Chairman was exceptionally proud to hear that Cambridgeshire County Council jointly with Peterborough City Council have been awarded the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award by the Ministry of Defence in recognition of the support given to the Armed Forces. Veterans, Reservists and Military Spouses form a vital part of our workforce. Cambridgeshire County Council recognises the commitment our reservist staff members make to our country by serving in the armed forces and our specific reservist policies within Cambridgeshire County Council reflect our commitment to them.

Municipal Journal Awards

Cambridgeshire's work to respond to the climate change emergency has been commended nationally in the 2020 MJ Awards, which were held 'virtually' earlier this month.

The work, championed by our council Leader Steve Count and involving many Members and Officers to develop and promote the County Council's Climate Change and Environment strategy – was underpinned by evidence from PhD students at the University of Cambridge. The Chairman was delighted that it was 'highly commended' in the category 'Leadership in responding to the Climate Emergency'.

Messages

VJ Day – 15 August 2020

On Saturday 15th August, virtual celebrations were held across the county to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VJ Day (Victory over Japan). The Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Armed Forces Covenant Board, recorded a special video sharing his memories of serving in the Armed Forces, and encouraged everyone to set aside some time to reflect, and to honour those who fought to end the Second World War.