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New Forest charity seeks nominations for Queens Diamond Jubilee Award

New Forest conservation charity, the New Forest Trust is seeking nominations for its Diamond Jubilee Award.

First presented by Her Majesty the Queen to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, the award is given annually at the New Forest Show at the end of July.

The award is made to someone who has given freely of their own time and made a significant contribution towards maintaining or improving the environment and rural economy of the New Forest. Or to someone who has contributed to the conservation or cultural heritage of the New Forest, or brought about a greater awareness of issues that have a direct bearing on the well-being of the forest.

The winner is chosen by a panel nominated by the principal voluntary New Forest organisations – the New Forest Association, the New Forest Commoners Defence Association, the New Forest Pony & Cattle Breeding Society and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Chairman of the Trust, William Ziegler said, "The New Forest is indebted to many who go the extra mile to help conserve and improve it. Often their work goes largely unrecognized and this award is for those people. So, we are asking the public to come forward and nominate anybody they know who fits that description"

Nominations for the award can be made direct on the Trusts website
www.newforesttrust.org.uk/new-forest-award

Ends

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Note to Editors

The New Forest Trust's vision is to sustain a New Forest that is valued, understood, cared for and supported by all those that live in, work in and visit this unique part of England. Its mission is to empower and inspire people, both local residents and visitors, to understand and care for the New Forest's unique natural environment and encourage responsible tourism through its visitor gift scheme *lovetheforest*.

For more information on the Trust visit www.newforesttrust.org.uk

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Attached Photo shows:

First recipient of the award Brian Ingram a long time New Forest commoner and retired Head Agister, being presented with the award by Her Majesty the Queen, with Alan Titchmarsh, Patron of the New Forest Trust and 2012 New Forest Show President.