

# [GFSL celebrates Hidden Heroes 2021](#)

Press release

This year, GFSL is proud to be fully supporting the #Hidden Heroes Day on 29 September 2021, to celebrate and pay tribute to the prison workforce.



Announcing its support of this year's #Hidden Heroes, CEO Paul Ryder said:

GFSL is fully committed to this campaign and to joining forces with HMPPS in a summer of activities in the lead up to 29 September. All of GFSL's 48 site teams are engaged – it's a timely opportunity for them to celebrate their dedication to providing a seamless service.

Alongside this, GFSL has embraced the [Butler Trust Annual Awards](#) by nominating those who have gone 'above and beyond' during one of the most challenging periods of history. Naturally, everyone is hoping to be shortlisted for one of the ten prestigious awards, which will be announced on 3 January 2022. The awards ceremony will take place in Spring 2021.

Meanwhile, a summer of charity challenge events will be held at all sites; co-ordinated by The Butler Trust in aid of Mental Health UK. Again, GFSL staff will be joining forces with their HMPPS colleagues and local communities to help raise funds for this great cause. It will also be a great opportunity to raise team spirits, not to mention a chance to showcase everyone's own hidden talents!

Butler Trust Director, Simon Shepherd, said:

We're very pleased to invite GFSL to be part of this year's Hidden Heroes celebrations. It's important that everyone who works in the prison environment feels valued for the important work they do in the justice sector. Even more so after one of the toughest 18 months which no one could have predicted.

## **About Hidden Heroes**

Hidden Heroes is run by The Butler Trust on behalf of all those who work in prisons. They perform a critical but incredibly challenging public service – never more so than during the Covid-19 pandemic – yet because they work largely out of sight and literally, in the case of prisons and IRCs, behind closed doors, they can often feel forgotten, and the public they serve know little about them or what they do. The Patron of The Butler Trust is HRH The Princess Royal.

The #HiddenHeroes campaign helps to shine a light on the dedicated, and highly skilled, men and women who work in our criminal justice system, and to show them that while they may be hidden, they are not forgotten.

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