

# Lawrie Haynes awarded CBE in Queen's Platinum Jubilee Honours List

News story

The NDA group is delighted to congratulate Lawrie Haynes, who has been awarded the honour of Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty the Queen in the Platinum Jubilee Honours List.



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Lawrie is chair of both Magnox Ltd and Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd, and has been given the award for his voluntary service to serving RAF personnel and veterans.

Lawrie, a former RAF Apprentice and aircraft technician, has recently stepped down after 16 years on the RAF Benevolent Fund (RAFBF) Board, the last eight as Chair.

Lawrie Haynes (CBE) said: "I am hugely delighted to receive this honour and accept it on behalf of everyone who works so hard at the RAFBF to support RAF personnel, both past and present. The work done at RAFBF touches and improves the lives of so many people, I am so proud to have been associated with it."

David Peattie, Group CEO NDA, added: "Everyone across the NDA will join me in congratulating Lawrie for this tremendous honour. The support he has given to the RAFBF has been significant over many years and I am glad this has been recognised."

The investiture will be at Buckingham Palace or Windsor Castle later this year.

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# British Embassy Yerevan celebrates Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen

World news story

The British Embassy holds event to mark the 96th birthday and the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.



HM Ambassador to Armenia John Gallagher and Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia Mher Grigoryan at the Queen's Birthday Party in Yerevan

The British Embassy hosted a celebration of the 96th birthday of Queen Elizabeth II on 31 May 2022. This year, the Queen's Birthday Party had a special significance as we celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years since her coronation. The Queen has ruled for longer than any other monarch in British history. Her dedicated service to the United Kingdom and the entire Commonwealth is an inspiration.

British Ambassador to Armenia John Gallagher said in his welcoming speech:

Her Majesty The Queen has been, and continues to be, a great role model for her citizens in the UK. She is not just a great model but a great female role model. And Armenia is blessed with great female role models too. I'm really proud that the British Embassy, through our programme funding and capacity building, provides support to really inspiring women who are dedicated to enhancing Armenia's prospects. [...] So, just as Her Majesty The Queen has been an enduring figure for 70 years, and hopefully many more, I am confident that the partnership between Armenia and the UK will also endure.

This year we also celebrate the 30th anniversary of UK-Armenia diplomatic relations.

Many guests from the Government of Armenia, the National Assembly, members of the diplomatic corps, business and civil society representatives and friends of the UK joined the celebration.

The guest of honour Mher Grigoryan, Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia emphasised in his speech:

The United Kingdom has been a crucial partner for the newly independent Armenia in its pathway of building its statehood, and today it contributes to the ongoing democratic reforms and strengthening of the rule of law in our country.

The Embassy served traditional British food and drinks, and entertained guests with a fantastic repertoire of British and Armenian music. A highlight of the celebration was the display of photographs, taken at various stages of Her Majesty's reign, by Yousuf Karsh. Karsh was a renowned photographer of Armenian origin.

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## **Winners of the 2022 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service announced**

- Those who have provided community support and empowered others receive highest number of awards
- Awardees include volunteers working in food banks, hospices and fundraising

The highest award given to local volunteer groups, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, is being awarded to 244 organisations across the UK today in recognition of their outstanding community service.

Charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland receive the prestigious award for their volunteer-led work across a wide range of fields including mental health, youth, community, arts and heritage.

This year 204 organisations from England, 22 from Scotland, five from Wales and 13 from Northern Ireland will receive The Queen's Award, highlighting the continued breadth and depth of voluntary service undertaken each and every day across the United Kingdom.

The awardees have all enhanced the lives of others through their work with the highest number of awards this year going to the community support sector, which includes food banks, village shops, fundraising events and men's sheds.

Minister for Civil Society and Youth Nigel Huddleston said:

Our volunteers give up their time to help others and The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognises their selfless acts of generosity and kindness.

I congratulate all the awardees whose hard work and dedication is rightly recognised in this milestone year of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Sir Martyn Lewis, QAVS Chair said:

I warmly congratulate all the outstanding voluntary groups who have been rewarded with a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service this year. The level of commitment and innovation shown by these volunteers is truly impressive. We owe a debt of gratitude to them, and the countless others who give up their free time regularly to improve the lives of others in their community.

Empowering others is also an area well represented in this year's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service with confidence building, training opportunities, educational support and sports all highly recognised. Volunteers working in hospices, cancer support, long-term illness, search and rescue and first aid also feature prominently.

Coinciding with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service recognises that volunteers continue to provide a vital social function and improve access to services across the country.

This year's recipients include:

- Knockmany Running Club in County Tyrone which utilises an unused forest to provide a space for all ages to run, walk and ramble through accessible trails.
- Cymru Creations in Gwent is a team of professionals who give their time to run an award-winning film academy, helping young people to create their own films and develop skills.
- Bright Minds Big Futures which is a youth led movement in Stockton-on-Tees providing social action opportunities for young people and working very positively with the council to make Stockton a better place to live.
- The Buddy Bag Foundation is providing support bags to children arriving in refuges which include toiletries, pyjamas, socks and underwear, in addition to comfort items such as a book and a teddy bear. It creates and supplies over 10,000 each year which helps to restore a sense of

safety to the children in the West Midlands.

- 1st Buckie Company Boys' Brigade is challenging young people from 6 to 18 years old through physical and skills-based activities, community involvement and spiritual development in Banffshire.
- The Oasis Centre which is creating communities in four parishes in Cornwall with multiple economic, health and well-being needs through food provision, social events and practical advice.

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## **Notes for editors**

- Find your local recipients on our [map](#).
- Lord Lieutenants represent the monarch in each of the UK's ceremonial counties. This year there were 244 recipients of The Queen's Award Voluntary Service from across the UK.
- Any group of three or more people that has participated in voluntary work for more than three years can be nominated for the award. Full details on how to nominate are available [online](#).
- Nominations for the 2023 awards close on 15 September 2022.
- An additional one-off award (The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Volunteering Award) was launched on 5th May. It will celebrate national charities working to benefit 16-25 year olds. More details [online](#).

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## **[NIO Platinum Jubilee rug competition shortlist revealed](#)**

Press release

Designs from 30 Northern Ireland primary school children have been shortlisted from over 2000 entries for the Northern Ireland Office Platinum Jubilee rug competition.



Primary school children from every county in Northern Ireland have taken part

in this unique competition to design a special gift for Her Majesty the Queen as part of her Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The finalists were chosen from over 2000 designs depicting 'snapshots of Northern Ireland' imagined as a postcard to Her Majesty the Queen.

The winning design will be manufactured by Portadown based Ulster Carpets into a wonderful rug. Ulster Carpets was recently granted a Royal Warrant by Her Majesty The Queen, one of only three Northern Ireland companies to hold such an honour.

The rug will be unveiled at a special ceremony later this year, with the winning child and their class invited to the event. The specially designed jubilee rug will be delivered to Her Majesty the Queen following the ceremony.

**Minister of State for Northern Ireland Conor Burns said:**

"I am overwhelmed with the quality and quantity of responses we have received from children in every county in Northern Ireland."

"I'd like to thank all the children, parents and teachers who have helped to mark this historic occasion in such a special way. It has been an incredibly difficult job to choose just 30 from amongst such amazing designs.

"I can't wait to see the winning design brought to life by the wonderfully talented designers at Ulster Carpets, who have recently been awarded the Royal Warrant by Her Majesty.

**Group Managing Director of Ulster Carpets Nick Coburn said:**

"We are amazed at the creativity and imagination shown by our talented young people. They have really captured the many different ways that we think of this wonderful place that we live in. We look forward to transforming one of these designs into a rug for Her Majesty The Queen."

**Principal of Foyle Integrated Primary, Neville Watson said:**

"We loved the innovative idea of a child's artistic expression of a snapshot of Northern Ireland being turned into a rug and it was great to see so many children taking the idea and running with it. To hear that we've had some of our pupils make it into the final 30 is really exciting and there will be lots of little fingers crossed here in anticipation of the result!"

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Notes to editors

- For press enquiries, contact [communications@nio.gov.uk](mailto:communications@nio.gov.uk)
- List of schools shortlisted
  - Aghnalloy Primary School
  - Birches Primary School
  - Braniel Primary School
  - Carryduff Primary School

- Donaghadee Primary School;
- Downshire Primary School
- Drumadonnell Primary School
- Dundonald Primary School
- Edenderry Primary School
- Enniskillen Model Primary School
- Forge Integrated Primary School
- Iveagh Primary School
- Kesh Primary School
- Larne & Inver Primary School
- Lisanally Special School
- Lisbellaw Primary School
- McClintock Primary School
- Moira Primary School
- Omagh Integrated Primary School
- Penrhyn Strathearn Prep
- Portstewart Primary School
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Tandragee Primary School
- Whiteabbey Primary School

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## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### News story

The Scottish Secretary sends his congratulations to the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee



Speaking ahead of a weekend of events to mark the Platinum Jubilee, Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack said:

I send my heartfelt congratulations to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on her Platinum Jubilee.

The Platinum Jubilee is a reminder of what an extraordinary life The Queen has led. She has been, and continues to be, a dignified and hardworking figurehead to the nation. Not just dedicated, but compassionate, warm and humorous.

I know people across Scotland will join me in wishing her the very best on this huge milestone, and thanking her for her lifetime of service.

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