

“For Excellence in Neighbourhoods”



South West Warden Resource Centre

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Manchester City Football Stadium played host to this year's
**National Wardens' Conference and Achievement Awards on
21 September
Special Edition**

It was fantastic to see so many wardens from all over the UK in one place celebrating the wardening movement and their achievements. It was quite a challenge for the organisers putting together an event with no less than 16 workshops, 3 training sessions and 3 study tours to satisfy the expectations of around 400 delegates!!!!

Key speakers gave their perspectives on empowering communities, followed by the choice of workshops, including:

Wardens and Police - Friends or Foes?

The Safer Guildford Partnership hosted this workshop and the Guildford Community Wardens gave their personal experience on a working relationship between the Police and Wardens. The wardens provide high visibility patrols, 70% on foot and act as a link between the Council and the community. Conduct Youth Voice meetings to understand the needs of young people in the community. Use community places like churches to meet the community with the PCSO's joining in these meetings so whether it is a council issue or a police is dealt satisfactorily.

'Firefly'

This workshop was facilitated by the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service. The presentation gave delegates an insight into the 'Firefly' project and the close working relationships with partners such as youth groups, community organisations, Youth Offending Teams, sex education specialists amongst many others to not only highlight the work and the dangers of fire but also education youngsters in life skills and communication in a friendly and safe environment.

..... there were too many excellent workshops to mention!

Why not attend next year Conference so you too can benefit from the networking, workshops and have your chance to ask questions to key speakers and members of community organisations.

The afternoon saw everyone join in the celebrations of the award winners:

National Warden's Achievement Awards 2006

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce two winners from the South West region who were awarded the following:



**Young Person's Award -
Amy Clark**
Exeter Community Patrol Services

Environmental (Liveability) Award

Hannah Beech

Boscombe and Springbourne,
Bournemouth Borough Council



Both winners were awarded a prestigious trophy and £1000 for the scheme to spend on a project of their choice.

Well done Hannah and Amy

The South West Wardens Resource Centre is also very proud that warden schemes in the South West had been shortlisted in 5 of the 6 categories:

Team of the Year
Stroud Neighbourhood Wardens

Noel Nelson Personal Achievement Award
Becky Dudley, Swindon Neighbourhood Wardens

Manager of the Year
Tara Fowler, Torbay Street Wardens

All the warden schemes are very proud of their success in getting through the sifting process to one of the final three applicants. If I could mention that in one category alone, there were over 20 forms submitted – you can appreciate the how well the schemes did in getting this far.

