

## **HAMPSHIRE AND IoW VILLAGES SHINE!**

At a magical Presentation evening held at the Lyndhurst Community Centre in the New Forest the villages of Hampshire and Isle of Wight showcased their projects, activity and inspirational individuals at an event hosted by the organiser Steven Lugg, CE of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

**A large contingent from Liss in East Hampshire were surprised and honoured to receive the coveted title of Village of the Year, whilst many other awards were highlighted in the full results (below).**

In the second year of the 'Masterclass' category North Waltham from Basingstoke, were given an award to mark their 'Champion of Champions' status.

Organiser Steven Lugg congratulated all finalists and challenged communities to surpass themselves again in 2018, explaining that this competition is a shining beacon of Localism, where outcomes far outweigh the inputs through local planning and endeavour.

The 2018 Competition opens in January 2018.

A Full list of Awards is shown below:

### **Category Winners**

#### **a. Best Village Feature:**

**Winner: Liss (The Triangle Community Centre) - Certificate, cheque for £100**

Runner-up: North Waltham (The Pond)

Highly Commended: Denmead (Finial Rings)

#### **b. Community Engagement:**

**Winner: Liss - Certificate, cheque for £100**

Runner-up: North Waltham

Highly Commended: Bembridge

#### **c. Best Community Pub as Community Hub:**

Winner: Miners Arms, Funtley - Certificate

Highly commended: The Fox, North Waltham

#### **d. Highways and Footpaths:**

Winner: Bembridge, IoW - Certificate and cheque for £100

Runners-Up: Denmead -Certificate

## **Special Awards**

### **Inspirational Individual(s):**

Winner: Hannah Cooper, Yr 6 leaver, North Waltham First  
Winner: Jeff Maidment, Head North Waltham First  
Winner: Andy Keegan, Miners Arms, Funtley  
Winner: Emma Goldring, Bembridge IoW

### **Inspiring Places:**

Old Barn Store North Waltham and **Liss Youth Drop in Centre**

- Certificate, bottle of Champagne x 3 & 1 child - Voucher

**Best Small Village:** North Waltham - Certificate, cheque for £100  
Runner-up: Funtley - Certificate

### **Excellence in Localism Awards:**

- Denmead, Bembridge and **Liss for their work on Neighbourhood Plans**
- **Liss, Luncheon Club**

**'Champion of Champions' Award** North Waltham – Certificate & Glass Trophy

### **Village of the Year Final**

Third Bembridge, IoW - Certificate  
Runners Up: North Waltham, Basingstoke – Certificate, Flowers  
**Winners: Liss, East Hampshire**  
**Plaque, certificate, cheque for £500, flowers**

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