



Camberley Armed Forces Day

- Saturday 18th June 2022 -

Meet Our Camberley Heroes...

All Heroes were nominated by a member of the public. Have a read of how our Heroes have made an impact on others and the community...

Chris Richardson

Chris is the local vicar of St. Martins Church on the Old Dean and his love and compassion for helping the community is amazing. Chris is always looking for ways to help the community and his involvement and passion is amazing. He does all this as well as being a vicar and holding services.

Debbie and Roy Sellstrom

Debbie & Roy run the veteran's association who meet monthly. Since meeting them 3 years ago we have received advise and help from them and others who come to meetings, such as action for carers. We are both ex RAF and with them being there we have received help we would otherwise not known about.

Debbie Welch

Debbie is the administrator at High Cross. She always goes that extra mile for visitors and church members. When people have tested positive, Debbie has ensured that they have had enough supplies, and checked on them. She has also fielded calls on a daily basis since the closure of the Surrey Heath Prepared phonenumber - people ring and she has ensured that they have got the help they need. She really has shown the best of High Cross.

James Currie

James has supported The Workshop in Camberley by providing free hot drinks for young people and their mentors at Mullans. James has also volunteered for many months at the Lakeside COVID vaccination centre.

Janette Parker

Janette works as a customer Service Ambassador on the CSD in The Square Shopping Centre. She identified an elderly male she recognised as a regular customer who needed assistance with his electric wheelchair which appeared to have broken down. Janette went to rescue him and to find out what the problem was. On identifying the wheelchair was under warranty, she assisted the gentleman by arranging for the wheel chair to be left at the CSD awaiting collection for repair. Janette arranged with security for a manual loan wheelchair to be made available for the shopper to use for a number of days until his own wheelchair was repaired. A week later, the electric wheelchair was returned, the owner collected this and returned the loan wheelchair. Without this assistance he would have been housebound all this time. A simple act going beyond the realm of normal duties but to be fully applauded for this act.

John Linden Archibald

John has been nominated for his long years of service at RMA looking after all the recruits. He has recently received MBE for his services in this year's New Year's Honours list. Plus, he has a great moustache and looks good in a top hat!

John Newland

Dr John Newland has been in the forefront of supporting the Armed Forces Community within his team. John is passionate about his work with veterans always encouraging the team in upskilling in their (and his) knowledge. Dr John Newland ensures he invites speakers and interested parties to their team meetings to further develop the team. John would be very deserving of recognition for his selfless commitment towards to whole armed forces community.

Lia Rosina

Over the last year Lia has overseen the setting up and operation of 'The Workshop' youth employment hub in The Square Shopping Centre. During this time Lia has helped over 200 young people between the ages 18-25. Of these, half have now entered into fulltime jobs, kickstarts, apprenticeships or returned to education through Lia's tireless work to support them on that journey during a time of high youth unemployment. Lia often goes above and beyond what her role asks of her, fighting for opportunities for the young people of Camberley during a very difficult time and to me this makes her a Camberley hero.

Lisa Ford

Lisa has been the Town PCSO for coming up to a decade. She continues to patrol the Town on a daily basis with a smile on her face. She goes out of her way to actively engage with young people in the Town Centre and divert them away from Crime. She is also a Disabilities Liason Officer and always takes time to engage with everyone in our community, supporting people in the best way she can. She has a great relationship with Businesses within the Town Centre and continues to develop this. Most recently her hard work has heavily contributed to reducing the impact of anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre and continues to look at ways to reduce theft and wider crime.

Lorraine Wood

Lorraine is The Autism Trust Office Manager. She has been a God send since she started with us, we are a staff of two and the rest of the charity is supported by Volunteers. She has been a fantastic friend to all at the charity often going above and beyond in supporting me to make sure our services were not interrupted by the restrictions. She is a wonderful person and my hero; I could literally not have done it without her support and dedication and many people have benefitted from all we have done for them during such an awful time.

Mags Mercer

Mags is the Chief Executive of The Hope Hub. She has led her team throughout the last 2 years, and the service has provided amazing support to those in need across the borough. This year has seen the launch of the new 'safe house' in Camberley alongside SHBC. She is a true hero who needs to be acknowledged.

Matthew Golightly

Matt owns Atrium Dental in Camberley he took over the practice in September 2020 with the mission statement 'to serve the community through our success'. Matt is always thinking of how he can help others and is the most generous and kind person. Despite often working 6 days a week he gives up his time to support The Hope Hub offering their service users free dentistry he also matched any donations his staff made to Charities to help support Ukraine recently and he has often seen people for free appointments to get them out of dental pain while they wait on a long NHS wait list. Matt does not like to shout about the things he does as he believes it is just the way we all should be and is second nature to him, but we as a team at Atrium Dental think he deserves some recognition for how hard he works and we are very proud of him and to be a part of a practice that cares so much about its community and people in general.

Roxy Hudson

You will always find Roxy out in her beat, whether on foot or her scooter! Reassuring members of the public and building relationships with the stakeholders in the Town Centre. She works tirelessly in the pursuit of criminals and consistently cracks down on ASB, ensuring offenders are brought to justice wherever possible and the Town Centre remains a safe place. Recently she obtained a property closure notice for a flat just outside the Town where the occupant had been causing distress to other residents. The occupant had his own vulnerabilities and so she worked with partner agencies to ensure he was supported in finding suitable accommodation elsewhere. Roxy continues to look at new ways to prevent and deter crime and really is the Sheriff of Camberley Town!

Stuart Hepton

Stuart is retired Army Colonel and has been helping the Camberley community for last 5 years with his personal efforts & through our free delivery service in the pandemic, as well as 365 days a year delivery of the papers. He also takes extra care for elderly people.

The Square Security Team

When you work in a security team in a shopping centre environment you are expected to patrol the centre and assist customers in any dealings they might encounter on their daily basis. However, The Square's security staff goes beyond their duties to help customers on their shopping journey. Every single year we receive a number of emails, letters and cards thanking the team for their help. Please see below some examples: In April 2022 a customer rang us to ask for assistance. He was inside the shopping centre and had run out of battery on his electric wheelchair. The Square security team brought a manual wheelchair to him, helped the customer to sit on this chair and lent him the chair until his electric wheelchair was replaced. The Customer Service Desk assistance rang the wheelchair company and dealt with them (I believe a separate nomination has been sent regarding her actions). Also, in April 2022 a member of staff had her electric scooter stolen. The staff staid after they finished their shifts just to make sure CCTV was collected and saved quickly so the perpetrators were caught quickly. Their actions were key for the police to find the scooter on the following morning. In July 2021, we had a member of the cleaning team that fainted. An ambulance was called but they refused to come and the staff member had no meanings of going to a hospital. A member of the security team took the staff member to the hospital. In December 2021 an elderly customer was spotted struggling to carry their shopping. A member of the security team carried the bags to the bus stop.

Victoria Yar

Victoria works for the NHS as a frontline key worker and first port of call to patients who use one of the three main doctors' surgeries in Camberley. During covid she worked tirelessly to make sure patients were contacted by their GPs, medical certificates issued, other certificates raised including insurance claims for deaths. She then went on to set up the Lakeside covid clinic and insuring everybody that was using the centre was on the national medical register. Now doctors surgeries are back to normal give or take, Victoria is still ensuring that patients in the Camberley area are getting the best treatment they deserve including going above her duties in her role.

Congratulations and thank you again to all of our Camberley Heroes and everyone else who has made an impact to our community during these difficult times and beyond!