



Rutland Volunteers Recognised by The Queen with Prestigious Award

Rutland Sailability at Rutland Sailing Club, Edith Weston, has been announced as one of 103 UK volunteering groups to win this year's The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups.

The prestigious National Honour recognises outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. It sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged of the highest standard.

Rutland Sailability has received the Award for enabling people with disabilities to enjoy the freedom of sailing.

Winners of this year's Award were selected from 341 groups nominated by members of the public who have been helped personally or witnessed the benefits of a group's work in their community.

Rutland Sailability will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal, presented by Her Majesty's representative in Rutland, The Lord Lieutenant for Rutland, Dr. Laurence Howard, at a special ceremony. The group has also received an invitation for representatives to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

Speaking of their success, Tricia McNair from Rutland Sailability said: "We are absolutely delighted to be awarded this prestigious honour in recognition of the work we do here at Rutland Water. Our volunteer helpers work all year round to help people with disabilities to sail and to enjoy the sociable aspect of their club at Rutland Water"

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Main Award Committee Chair and former broadcast journalist Martyn Lewis CBE said,

"Outstanding volunteer groups across the UK all too often go without recognition for the truly amazing work they do, despite the vital part they play in helping bind our communities together. It's a great pleasure to celebrate the efforts of Rutland Sailability with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service and help raise awareness of all they do for the benefit of others."