

PRESS RELEASE

## **A Glittering Community Achievers' Award for Hathershaw & Fitton Hill**

The most ambitious and glamorous NDC Achievers' Award to date is on its Way.

Over 88 local people will be awarded with trophies and certificates for their: - community spirit, good neighbourliness, dedication to improving the environment, inspiring business acumen, efforts to change people's attitudes to health, achievement and success in learning and for local young people who have overcome personal odds to succeed in education.

The event will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Queen Elizabeth Hall between 6.00 and 11.00 pm. It will be compered by Andy Lee and the awards will be given out by NDC's key partners including Peter Rafferty from OMBC Streetscene, Gail Richards from PCT, the Mayor of Oldham Councillor Shoab Akhtar as well as Michael Meacher MP.

To add a truly local feel this year the awards will be mixed with performances from local talent including vocalist Sabrina Brennan, rock band Kaos Theory and local rappers Slick Scorpioz. To finish off the ceremony PHAB (Physically disabled and able bodied) performers group will give a moving rendition of Michael Jackson's Heal the World.

This year we have introduced a Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be presented to a special person who has shown true community spirit and dedication to the area. This award is in memory of Ian Payne, one of our Resident Board Member and Vice Chair of the NDC Board, who died earlier this year.

The night will be attended by award winners and their families and will be enjoyed by over 450 residents from the area.

Following the ceremony there will be a chance for local people to let down their hair and dance the night away to "Souled as Seen" soul band.

The Programme for the evening is below

6.00 – 6.15 Arrival  
6.15 – 7.15 Buffet  
7.15 – 8.00 Compere Andy Lee Opens the event  
Kaos Theory perform  
Learning Category Awards presented by Deputy Principal of Oldham College  
Business and Enterprise Awards Presented by tom Flanagan  
Director OMBC Regeneration  
Health Awards Presented by Gail Richards Chief Executive of Oldham PCT

- Slick Scorpioz perform
- 8.00 – 8.45 Environmental Awards Presented by Michael Meacher MP  
Good Neighbour Awards Presented by Peter Rafferty Group  
Manager of Streetscene  
Community Awards Presented by the Worship the Mayor of  
Oldham Councillor Shoab Akhtar  
Remembering Ian Payne - Presented to Lydia Payne  
The Ian Payne Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Lydia  
Payne to Doris Smith  
Sabrina Brennan performs
- 8.45 – 9. 15 Go Getters Awards presented by Jacqui Carroll Reel  
Manchester  
Young People in Education presented by Doris Smith  
Phab Perform
- 9.30 – 11.00 Dancing to “Souled As Seen”
- 11.00pm Evening finishes

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**You are invited to attend the event and take photographs of  
the evening. The Mayor will be giving out awards around 8.15  
and there will be an opportunity for a photo of all the award  
winners around 9.15 pm.**