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Coventry charity recognised by the Queen

Coventry City Mission and its volunteers have been awarded a very special award by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Following a rather in-depth process, which has taken over six months, they have been awarded the QAVS - Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (The equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups)

The award recognises the outstanding contribution that a group has made within its communities and the Mission has been given this accolade for all the work they have been involved in over the last thirty years.

The Mission, based in The Wood End area of Coventry, is a project-based charity which runs around 14 different projects across the year. It works to make a positive impact on five different forms of poverty (Economic, educational, emotional, social and spiritual) within the city and supports individuals and families who have to face many forms of severe deprivation. (www.covcitymission.org.uk)

Executive Director, Darren Burgess, said 'I am thrilled that the Mission and our volunteers, both past and present, have been recognised in this way. We are only able to continue the work we do in supporting disadvantaged individuals and families across our city with the support of our fantastic volunteers. From serving in our foodbank centre, to supporting people as they aim to return to the workforce; from supporting our youth groups, lunch clubs and holiday programmes, to being a listening ear through our telephone listening service(Crossline), our volunteers play a huge part in the success achieved by the Mission over the last thirty years.'

There will be an official event where The Lord-Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Paul Sabapathy, will officially present the Mission with the award. This event will be organised for some time between September and December, we hope to have as many of the CCM team (past and present) at the event as possible.

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