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BABERGH SEEKS YOUNG ACHIEVERS

12TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF
BABERGH COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SCHEME

Babergh District Council is today putting out the call for nominations for its Community Achievement Award Scheme and in particular is making a plea for more young people to be given recognition.

Jill Barton, organiser of the scheme said "Although Babergh specifies a separate category for young people under the age of 18 years very few nominations are in fact received for the youth of our district" Jill went on to say "We are at present developing a Youth Strategy for our district which will consider a range of issues including active citizenship. It is therefore all the more important to acknowledge the community work of our young people".

The Scheme, which recognises the community work done by people in the community who help to make life better for others, is also open to Adults over the age of 18 years.

Nomination forms and posters have been circulated to Parish Clerks, Chairmen of Parish Meetings, Schools, Community Education Officer and SAVO (Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations) and the call has gone out for nominations to be made via these bodies.

Nominations must be received at the Babergh District Council offices in Hadleigh by 30th November. They are available on Babergh's website at www.babergh.gov.uk.

Jill Barton went on to say "We are again sponsored by Prolog, the Sudbury based e-commerce business specialists and we hope that our 12th year will continue to show the strength of community spirit that exists in Babergh. I am hopeful that the 2004 Awards will be just as successful, particularly as we are targeting nominations for young people".

Our Award Ceremony will be held at the Stoke by Nayland Club on 25th February 2004 and Mark Murphy from the Radio Suffolk Breakfast programme has again agreed to comper the event" ENDS

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