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PRESS RELEASE

Young People Awards presented

Town Mayor Councillor Mrs Farzana Kharawala and Town Clerk Mark Saccoccio were delighted to present the very first Young People awards to three deserving recipients this week.

Nominations were invited during November for young people who had overcome barriers or made personal achievements. Nominations were assessed by a panel, with three young people felt to have more than met the criteria to receive an award on both counts – all three having shown determination and perseverance to overcome their fears or disabilities and to challenge themselves.

Dylan Maddison was nominated through the “Yes We Can” disability sport programme for his effort and progression at football training. Alicia “Lissy” Moss was nominated by the T. S. Ocean Naval Cadets for having overcome challenges to successfully pass a first aid course, give a commentary on a first aid demonstration and take first steps towards marksmanship proficiency. Olivia Quinn was nominated for having attended the TACTIC Additional Needs Group since she was 12 years old and having overcome challenges over the years to become self assured and to be able to support her peers during the weekly group activities.

Town Mayor Councillor Kharawala said “It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in the very first Young People awards in the town. These three winners have shown such strength and determination in overcoming a range of challenges – they are an inspiration to us all”.

The Young People awards are a new initiative as a part of the wider Community Volunteer Awards launched by the Town Council this year. The Council intends to invite nominations for the next round of Young People awards in May/June 2021.

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