

Newent and District Branch Young Volunteer Award

John Edward Whitehorn Trophy

In early 2017 the branch received a bequeathed monetary gift from the late John Edward Whitehorn (JEW), with the stipulation that it be spent on the young people of Newent, it took a short while but eventually with the approval of JEW's Daughter, Sarah Davy the Branch set up the Young Volunteer Award which is presented to a young person between the ages of 13 – 18 years old who has embodied the fundamental principles of the Royal British Legion in the Newent and District area. The trophy is awarded to an individual who has:

- enhanced their local community or environment
- cared for a neighbour or relative in need
- helped to run a community-based club or society
- provides a service and meets a need for people living in the local community
- is supported, recognized and respected by the local community and the people who benefit from it

The end of 2020 saw the 3rd year this trophy has been awarded, unfortunately due to the pandemic the trophy was not presented until February 2021's Branch Virtual Zoom meeting. The presentation included a very interesting resume of the life of John Edward Whitehorn, given by his son Andrew and supported by his sister Sarah who presented the award for the previous 2 years. This year's recipient Josh (who also won the award last year) had the honor of being presented the award twice, once at his School by the Head and Deputy Headmaster as shown in picture below and then at February's meeting by his girlfriend Lucy.

Newent and District Branch will be sending out nomination forms to Schools and youth groups in the local area soon, if anyone in the local area know of any deserving candidates, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the branch to receive a nomination form.

