

Durrington

Village receives top accolade

Durrington parish council hosted a visit to the village last Wednesday evening by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, John Bush. He attended a special event at the village hall to formally present the parish authority with its Quality Council Status certificate.

The event was attended by parish councillors, council staff, invited guests from the village and by dignitaries from throughout South Wiltshire, including Councillor Kevin Wren, the chairman of Wiltshire county council, Cllr Catherine Spencer, chairman of Salisbury district council, Cllr Richard Britton, leader of the district council, David Crook, district council chief executive and Mayor of Amesbury David Reed.

Presenting the quality status certificate to parish council chairman David Healing, the Lord Lieutenant said Durrington should be proud at being only the sixth council in Wiltshire to achieve the award.

People should not underestimate the vast amount of work undertaken by the council to achieve this rare accolade, he said. "Your clerk, Mary Towle, has dedicated more than two years to firstly, meeting the first requirement of being a quality council in becoming professionally qualified, and secondly in preparing the submission," he added. "Mary, you should be proud of what you have achieved. Durrington is obviously a fine place to live with an excellent and proactive council, which cares about the people it serves."

Responding, Mr Healing, said: "I wish to thank the Lord Lieutenant for finding the time in his busy schedule to share in our success in becoming a quality council. It is a true mark of our achievement to see so many local dignitaries with chains of office sharing in our success."



The Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, John Bush (right), presents the certificate of quality status to Durrington parish council chairman David Healing and parish clerk Mary Towle at the village hall.

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