



PRESS RELEASE - RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 26th April 2017

Rayleigh Town Council held the Annual Town Meeting at FitzWimarc School last night under the Chairmanship of Town Council Chairman Councillor Mrs Christine Callis. Over 250 local residents attended the meeting, which was headed up by guest speaker Mrs Debbie Watson, President the Lions Club of Rayleigh, who spoke about the work of the Lions Club in their centenary year.

After the formalities Chairman Councillor Mrs Christine Callis presented over thirty awards, certificates and prizes to the young and not so young, for able bodied, disabled and special needs, in numerous categories for sports and high achievement. The Chairman's Award was presented to Reverend Scott Williamson of Rayleigh Baptist Church and the Citizen of the Year Award was presented to the Venerable Mike Lodge, Archdeacon of Southend for his work over many years at Rayleigh's Holy Trinity Church.

The Town Council's grants totalling nearly £10,000 were presented to many local organisations and charities: The Salvation Army, Paint Box, SCAFT, Crouch Valley Scouts, Citizens Advice Bureau, The Cedars, 6th Castle Mount West SA Guides, Bar'n'Bus, Rayleigh Lawn Tennis Club, Essex Air Ambulance, Fairview Under Fives, Wyvern Community Transport, Rayleigh Age Concern, Rayleigh Christian Ministries and Rayleigh Lions.

Town Council Chairman Councillor Mrs Christine Callis said: 'This has been a fantastic evening. We are always overwhelmed by the number of nominations that we receive for our awards and it was very hard to select the winners of each category. We are so proud of all of these people and it was a great pleasure to give out awards for such special achievements'.