

# Dunbar Community Council Awards 2017

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## Young Citizen Awards

Dunbar Community Council initiated the Young Citizen Awards in 2014 to celebrate the very significant contribution that young people make to the life of Dunbar.

This year, we have worked directly with Dunbar Grammar School to seek out individuals who have impressed both their peers and school staff by their outstanding achievements their sphere of influence... and often, the spheres are several!

This year we are delighted to make awards to three young people and the first of these awards is made to:

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### **Lewis Campbell**

50 Bruntsfield Crescent Dunbar EH42 1QZ

Lewis Campbell is firstly a formidable sportsman excelling in badminton. He has been a medal winner in competition for several years and this year reached the semi-finals in both singles and doubles in the Scottish Championships, winning a silver medal in the doubles competition.

Lewis shares his enthusiasm for his sport with others by running the Dunbar Grammar School Badminton Club.

To quote one member of DGS staff, "Lewis is a brilliant lad giving up a heck of a lot of his own time. He has a great relationships with the kids, he is always encouraging, and he has really increased numbers participating."

Lewis contributes to other school communities too, helping with 'Health and Wellbeing Classes' and working with Primary School pupils. As a measure of his involvement, he was invited to accompany the Primary 5s to York earlier this session.

Lewis is an outstanding student and won the Bronze Award in the Scottish Mathematical Council's Awards 2016/17 for Lothian and Borders.

Outside of school, Lewis is a dedicated Sea Cadet and has been recommended for advancement to Probationary Petty Officer. He will teach younger cadets in this capacity and continue to play a part even after he commences his university career in the autumn.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Lewis Campbell to receive a Young Citizen Award both for his outstanding sporting achievements and for the very significant contribution he makes voluntarily to his school and wider community.

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### **Zosia Kuczok**

Zosia Kuczok is also a multi talented high achiever.

In 2015, she was one of the Dunbar Grammar School team that won the Scottish regional competition for the Coca-Cola Enterprises (CCE) Real Business Challenge and she and the team then travelled to London for the National Grand Finals where they showcased their business campaign.

Zosia has been selected to participate in the 'Exceptional Programme' run by the Impressive People, a North Berwick based charity, that seeks out and supports pupils who have been identified as having, in their words, a 'rare talent'.

In 2016 Zosia joined in the launch of the Law Society Scotland's new Lawscot Foundation that will offer financial assistance and mentoring support to students from less advantaged backgrounds to help them as they study at University for a law degree or the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice.

Zosia is one of the leaders of the DGS Amnesty Group and last year was successful with her application onto the 2016-17 Amnesty Youth Advisory Group. She will represent UK young people at meetings in London which will take place 6 times over

the next year. The standard and quantity of applications was very high, so huge congratulations to Zosia!

At Dunbar Grammar School, Zosia is involved with Peacejam and has fundraised for and helped to run the Breakfast Club. She is part of the team that initiated, designed and produced Peacejam's Dementia Friendly Colouring booklet (which will be available shortly!) and organised the DGS Mental Health Awareness Week.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Zosia Kuczok to receive a Young Citizen Award both for her outstanding personal achievements in education and for the very significant contributions she makes to projects that make a real difference to others.

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**Brad Robertson**

[2 Knockenhair Road, Dunbar EH42 1BA](#)

Brad is a Tae Kwan Do champion. He first competed in the world championships at junior level in Canada in 2012 and, in 2014 in Italy, he became world junior heavyweight champion.

In 2016, he competed at hyperweight (82 kg+) in the World Championship at Brighton, winning gold and silver medals for sparring and a second gold as a member of the UK team in the team competition.

He has shared his passion for his sport by coaching up and coming youngsters and some of his students are already competing successfully at national events.

As part of the family business, Robertson's Martial Arts-PTK, Brad is involved in ELC's Active Schools programme. In this school session he has been working with DPS P4 pupils and is about to deliver after school classes for DPS p1-3 and has proved an inspiring and able teacher.

Brad was joint winner of the Bowe Cup in 2008 in recognition of

Seven years ago, Brad was joint winner of the Bowe Cup. This year, Dunbar Community Council has elected Brad Robertson to receive a Young Citizen Award both for his continued outstanding sporting achievements and for the very significant contribution he makes voluntarily to his former school and wider community as he promotes his sport, Tae Kwon-Do.

## **BOWE CUP**

### **Samantha Kaszuba**

18 Cedar Street, Dunbar, East Lothian, EH42 1PX

Samantha has been a committed member of Dunbar Sea Cadets. She has worked her way fully up the ranks and is currently a Petty Officer Cadet, helping now to train young Sea Cadets in Dunbar.

The Sea Cadets have offered Samantha the chance to become actively involved with young people throughout the UK and her energy and enthusiasm for the Sea Cadets have led to a number of high profile nominations and awards.

In June 2016, Samantha was selected as one of the candle bearing team for the overnight vigil for the Battle of the Somme held at Scotland's War Memorial. She joined Major General Mark Strudwick, chairman of the Battle of the Somme Vigil, Major William Wright, representing the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and Alan Hamilton, a descendant of one of the Somme fallen at a memorial service preceding the vigil.

Samantha is a keen offshore sailor and was the unanimous crew choice for Offshore Cadet of the Year for 2016/17 following a number of periods offshore in the Sea Cadets rigged training ship, TS Royalist.

The highlight of Samantha's Cadet career however came this year when Samantha became the first cadet from SE Scotland to be chosen as the Sea Cadets' Northern Area Navy Board Cadet.

Each year, one 16 -17 year old sea cadet is selected from over 14,000 cadets to represent each of the six Cadet operational areas. As a Navy Board Cadet, Samantha will act as an advisor to the Navy Board on all matters concerning Sea Cadets and Naval youth. She will also have a role as ambassador for the Sea Cadets and represent them at various ceremonies and events throughout the year.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Samantha Kaszuba to receive the 2017 Bowe Cup award in recognition of her long commitment to Dunbar's Sea Cadets and of her exceptional achievement in being named Navy Board Cadet.

## **Citizen Awards**

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### **Allan Kerr**

10 Woodbush Court Dunbar EH42 1JE

Back in the 1970s, Allan Kerr had wanted to follow in his grandfather Charlie's footsteps by joining the East Linton fire service. However he lived at Phantassie and in those days you could not join the East Linton brigade if you lived outside the 30 mph limit.

In 1973, he moved to Dunbar and in 1987 joined the Dunbar brigade when he was in his 30s. Now 30 years later, he has retired. In an interview with The Courier, Allan said, "I would just like to say it has been a pleasure serving the community of Dunbar over all the years and helping the people of Dunbar with their fire calls. To me, it was never about money, it was about being able to serve the community." And that is what he did - for more than three decades.

Allan is currently chairman of Dunbar Bowling Club and is actively building exciting opportunities for young people to learn this sport. You will hopefully see him in action during Civic Week.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Allan Kerr to receive a Citizen Award in recognition of his long commitment to Dunbar's Fire Service and the work he has done as part of this important team to keep the community safe.

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### **Betty Main +**

Mrs Elizabeth (Betty) Main, Cordoba, 8 Mayville Park, Dunbar, EH42 1AS

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### **Isobel Gardner**

Eastrigg, Queens Road Dunbar, EH42 1LN

Betty Main and Isobel Gardner, together with the late Mrs Nan Miller, first started providing lunches following the devastating fire at Dunbar Parish Church in 1987 as part of a fundraising initiative to help towards the rebuild of this important building and church centre. 30 years later, they are still offering food and friendship at

monthly Ploughman's Lunches at Dunbar Parish Church Hall. This is an ecumenical offering and one that reaches out to a wide group of people in Dunbar, many of whom have no link to a church or faith. In May of each year, they fundraise for Christian Aid, preparing and serving some 100 meals to eager diners.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Betty Main and Isobel Gardner to receive Citizen Awards in recognition of their long commitment to building fellowship and support in the community in Dunbar.

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**Michael Shaw**

15b Church Street Dunbar EH42 1HA

Mike first became involved with the RNLI 50 years ago and he was an active member of the RNLI team for 30 years until his retirement at the end of 2016. He has been an enthusiastic advocate and fundraiser for the charity for many years – a hero of the RNLI Tombola Stall!

He has been a committee member of the Dunbar Shore and Harbour Neighbourhood Group since its inception in 2011 and is currently Vice Chair. His steadfast support and local knowledge have underpinned many of the group's voluntary projects.

He is committed to the Dunbar Methodist Church and, as a volunteer, has been the principal caretaker for many years. Following the recent linking of congregations, Mike has joined the Vestry at St Anne's where he continues to support aspirations for the Methodist Church building.

Dunbar Community Council has elected Michael Shaw to receive a Citizen Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the important work of the RNLI in Dunbar and for his commitment to the safety of those at sea off the coast at Dunbar.

## **Community Service Award**

### **Donald Grant BEM**

Lynwilg  
Gardener Rd  
Dunbar EH42 1AW

Come rain or shine, Donald Grant has taken daily weather readings from Dunbar's Weather Station at Winterfield Park for 30 years until he retired as a volunteer in 2017.

His commitment to his work was recognised in 2015 when he was awarded the Queen's British Empire Medal. Mr Grant was praised for his "dedication, commitment and enthusiasm" to his role, while the Met Office added: "We are very lucky to have an observer of Donald's calibre."

Dunbar Community Council has elected Donald Grant to receive the Community Service Award for 2017 in recognition of his long voluntary commitment to the work of the Met Office.