

Honour for Carnival Co-ordinator

The Town Council has named Doreen Collins as the Honoured Citizen of Diss 2011 in recognition of her significant contribution to the town. Doreen is well known in Diss for her role at the Tourist Information Centre where she has worked for over 20 years assisting visitors with her friendly manner and wealth of knowledge. However it was not for her work at the Tourist Information Centre that she was singled out for this award but rather for the many voluntary activities in the town which she has been involved with over many years.



Doreen was nominated for the Honoured Citizen Award because of her passion for Diss and her willingness to 'go the extra mile' to promote the town. Over a number of years she has offered her expertise and enthusiasm to support many events and organisations including the Chamber of Trade, the Diss & District Development Partnership, the Town Guide Committee and St Matthews Housing Association and has gained a reputation for someone who 'gets things done'.

In 2008 when Diss Carnival was revived Doreen volunteered to assist in the organisation of the event and the following year took on the daunting role of Carnival Co-ordinator. With Doreen at the helm the Carnival has gone from strength to strength with increased numbers attending every year.

Councillors were faced with a tough decision as there were a record number of nominees, with seven worthy candidates, for this year's award. However it was felt that Doreen was the most deserving candidate due to her huge commitment to the running of the Carnival for the last three years as well as her other voluntary activities. At the Full Council meeting on 14th December she was presented with a framed scroll by the Town Mayor and her name will be inscribed on the roll of Honour in the Council Chamber.