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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

I am delighted to advise you that Wealden Sailability has been honoured with the above award. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise exceptional work in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June – the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

The charity provides sailing opportunities for disabled people and is based at Chipstead Lake. It was established 8 years ago with no money or boats. We now have a fleet of 19 specialist dinghies, a team of over 70 volunteers and we help around 60 disabled people to sail every week. We operate every Tuesday and Thursday from April to the end of October. We have had wonderful support from the local communities and especially from Chipstead Sailing Club.

This is an emotional day for all of our volunteers, very much their award. Later in the summer The Lord Lieutenant of Kent will come to Chipstead to present the award on behalf of the Queen. Please let me know if I can give you any further information and of course you would be most welcome to visit us any Tuesday or Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

David Mckee