

THE BUTLER TRUST



Butler Trust Certificate - Ted & Gill Vine

The Butler Trust run an Annual Award Scheme for people working in prisons, probation and youth justice across the UK.

Unlike the other charities that operate in this area, The Butler Trust is not about offenders but about the people who work with them.

The Trust is named after former Home Secretary RAB Butler and was set up back in 1985 by a former prison governor, Peter Timms. Peter knew first hand that there are an awful lot of good people out there doing an awful lot of good work for which they seldom get any thanks or credit. He wanted to set up an Award Scheme for staff and volunteers, to help make sure that they get the credit they deserve.

Each year our Patron, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, gives out around 10 Awards and 20 Commendations to some of the most inspirational people working in prisons, probation and youth justice across the UK. And beyond the Award Ceremony, we work to help develop and share their good practice more widely.

Sadly, we can't give Awards and Commendations to everyone and there are many more people, from among the 300 nominations we receive every year, who deserve some form of recognition from The Trust. That's why we introduced Butler Trust Certificates. All of our nominees have done something pretty special, and even being nominated is an achievement in itself, but Butler Trust Certificates are for those nominees who don't get an Award or Commendation but who nevertheless really stand out from the crowd.

All of our winners have done something extraordinary – whether doing something new and innovative or just doing their ordinary job extraordinarily well – and they are pretty special people too who all share two important characteristics in common: (i) they constantly strive to do better and absolutely refuse to accept good enough as good enough; (ii) they are an inspiration to those who are lucky enough to work with them. The other thing that typically marks out a Butler Trust winner is they themselves almost never see what they have done as anything special – to them it's just part of their job.

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Ted & Gill Vine receive their Certificate for their work with the charity 'Buckinghamshire Association & Care of Offenders'. Through their grants to support training and resettlement, hardship support, and funds towards the development of arts, amongst other things, they have been supporting men in Grendon & Spring Hill prisons for over 20 years. However, if anything it is their time and energy which is the most valuable part of their work. They play a part in the personal journey of almost every prisoner at Grendon – and the Governor describes their "care, compassion and dedication" as "priceless."