



THE QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

BACO was honoured to receive this Award, which was presented by the Lord Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, Bt. JP, and hosted by HMP Grendon.



Sir Henry presented the Chair, Gill Vine DL, with a certificate signed by the Queen, and an exclusive commemorative crystal.

The occasion, attended by many BACO members, prison staff and other dignitaries, was made special by the contribution of Grendon prisoners who spoke movingly about how their BACO grants had affected their lives. Most of these men had written letters of support for the BACO application for the Award, which was submitted by a BACO member, Roy Collis DL.

BACO was one of 95 volunteering groups from across the UK winning this year's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, recognising the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

The prestigious National Honour, which is equivalent to the MBE, sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, and the activities of those awarded have been judged of the highest standard.

Four BACO volunteers received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party in July which they attended in the rain!



Ted Vine, Prisoner Support Service Co-ordinator, Gill Vine DL, Chair, and Roger Russell, Grants Secretary