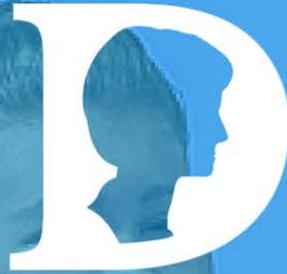


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# DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Phoebe

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** Whitburn CofE Academy

**Town:** SUNDERLAND

**Region:** North East

At just 15 Phoebe, after months of chemotherapy during which sat her GCSEs, decided she wanted to give something back and she chose to support TCT and her ward at the RVI Newcastle. Her Just Giving page boasts over £4300 but fundraising is only a small part of her efforts and championing the cause of cancer sufferers, especially the young, under her slogan 'We are not just a statistic' has been her main focus and drive. Phoebe has set up a Twitter page and campaigned extensively working around her hectic revision schedule. She's held assemblies, sold bands and T-shirts and appeared in the local press. Phoebe's impact has been felt by many – a friend cut her hair off to raise money for her charity, and strangers have contacted her for support and encouragement.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Bite the Ballot Campaign Group

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** North Durham Academy

**Town:** Stanley

**Region:** North East

Bite the Ballot Campaign Group have worked with representatives from Durham County Council on an exciting campaign to engage young people in the democratic process and make them aware of their right to vote. The students involved worked tirelessly in conjunction with The Bite the Ballot organisation to produce a series of promotional materials to be used in schools across County Durham and designed to raise youth awareness of democracy and interest in politics. The campaign was a huge success and figures have shown a measured increase in the political awareness of young people in the local area. The campaign received a wide range of press coverage and the students were able to spread their message even wider by appearing in local newspapers and on the local evening news to talk about their work.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Mentor Managers

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** Staindrop Academy

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Students have maintained their willingness from year 5 right through to year 8, making them unique role models, working extremely hard to maintain our school's reputation and position in this locality due to potential school closures because of falling numbers. Each offering vast amounts of time on behalf of far reaching primary schools that require assistance. This means they have been ambassadors for the school and active campaigners for the programme in 28 local primary schools. During this time they have offered workshops on dance, drama, and sport. Appreciating that the locality of the school is suffering low employment and deprivation, these students have worked in such localities to bring some positive aspects into these primary schools for the students and wider community.

# DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Adam  
**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion  
**Organisation:** All Saints Academy  
**Town:** Stockton on Tees  
**Region:** North East

Adam has been on the National Anti-Bullying Youth Board and has been a fantastic Anti Bullying Ambassador who has helped to organise a number of days focusing on anti-bullying including an EE day delivered to year 7s. Last term he wrote and delivered an excellent assembly to the whole school about how to stay safe online and report cases of bullying. This was delivered professionally and confidently. It has also been his excellent work with the Anti Bullying Youth Board and being an Ambassador for the team that has put him forward for this nomination.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Bin Bullying Crew  
**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion  
**Organisation:** Airy Hill Community Primary School  
**Town:** Whitby  
**Region:** North East

Bin Bullying Crew regularly raise awareness about bullying and friendship issues in their school and to help the community understand what bullying is. Through their campaigns, the students have dealt with important issues regarding race, religion, and sexuality, facing their local community. They have introduced significant strategies that are beginning to make a difference to their school community and families are becoming more aware of the areas the children are covering through newsletters, assemblies, leaflets, notice boards and certificates.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Cockfield Primary School Anti-Bullying Group  
**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion  
**Organisation:** Cockfield Primary School  
**Town:**  
**Region:** North East

Cockfield Primary School Anti-Bullying Group have made a huge impact on the people and children they have come into contact with through their anti-bullying efforts at the school. Their commitment to making a difference and kind, honest, trustworthy nature in the school is surpassed by none and they are often praised for helping to create a calm, safe and happy environment for all children at the school.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Copeland Road Anti-Bullying Buddies  
**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion  
**Organisation:** Copeland Road Primary School  
**Town:** Bishop Auckland  
**Region:** North East

Copeland Road Anti-Bullying Buddies have adopted a system whereby the group act as mentors to younger children within the school environment; if the younger children feel bullied, left out, or have a problem in any way during breaks or lunch the group make themselves free to help these younger children. Their efforts in fundraising have taken the form of sponsorship activities, bake and sell events, and connections with our local church, in order to improve lives in the wider community. Some have even transferred this generosity to their own homes, attempting to get their family involved in the fundraising, yet again widening the scope of the people they aim to assist.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Copeland Road Primary School Anti-Bullying Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Copeland Road Primary School

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

Copeland Road Primary School Anti-Bullying Group have dedicated their time, in and out of school for the past two years on a weekly basis with the primary aim of bettering the lives of others. Activities they have undertaken include, their anti-bullying programme and fundraising activities and within school hours, they have offered their free time in breaks and lunch times in order to be free to help younger children to feel safer and happier in our school.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Woodland Primary School Anti-Bullying Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Woodland Primary School

**Town:** Woodland

**Region:** North East

During school time, the group have worked extremely hard to extend many anti-bullying concepts. These include: areas where children can go to them in the playground and chat if they are feeling worried or concerned, they each wear something that identifies them as a 'buddy', this allows younger children to identify them from a distance so that they can be approached. They have made themselves available at all times when lessons are not operating so that children can obtain support. They are exceptional role models and a credit to the school.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Escomb Anti-Bullying Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Escomb Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Escomb Anti-Bullying Group have worked with many charities including Children in Need, Changing Faces, Water Aid, Feb Fest, Barnados (Save the Children), Butterwick Hospice, Text Santa, and Harvest for the World. They have done endless cake sales, sponsored walks, bring and buy sales, and sponsored activities. International and national projects included the Japanese Tsunami appeal, Text Santa, Harvest for the World, regional harvest festivals, and collecting for local food banks. They have extended their anti-bullying work through carol concerts and local presentations in and around the community. These students have certainly had an impact upon the lives of so many.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Evenwood Anti-Bullying Directors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Evenwood C of E Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Evenwood Anti-Bullying Directors have maintained a leadership role to ensure the school provides the best possible pastoral support and guidance. They have worked at charity fundraising despite having other commitments. This locality is nationally recognised to be a deprived area and in social decline with high unemployment, so the work of the children is fundamental. This voluntary sacrifice of their free-time, when other children would usually be playing, demonstrates determination and a selfless attitude which without doubt goes above and beyond what would be expected of them. Alongside their work to raise awareness of anti-bullying they have assisted community based projects that have aided the regeneration of their communities, worked with the elderly, and fundraised for various charities.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Gainford CE Primary School Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Gainford CE Primary School

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Gainford CE Primary School Members have shown a keenness, moreover a willingness, to collaborate with local charitable groups, helping them to raise important funds they need to progress and prosper. They have worked with scouts and church groups, old people's homes, and hospices. The group have shown a greater willingness to support members of their own family and members of the community who have been experiencing difficulties or troubled times by offering to help with those standard chores that are a regular routine for most families of the 21st century.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Hannah

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Northfield School & Sports College

**Town:** Billingham

**Region:** North East

Hannah is a Y11 student who has been volunteering as an Anti-Bullying Peer Supporter in school for 4 years. She experienced friendship difficulties during Y7 and was supported by a number of Peer Supporters. Because of this she wanted to help other students who were experiencing similar difficulties and has since become a shining light. Hannah is an amazing role model, having overcome personal challenges to develop a quiet confidence and gaining respect not just from Peer Supporters but from the wider school community.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Ingleton Anti-Bullying Support Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Ingleton C of E Primary School

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Ingleton Anti-Bullying Support Group has been working on an anti-bullying project which explored how much they could do to help others and make a difference to others in, and beyond, our community. Throughout the last two school years, this group have helped with charitable programmes including: children in need, sports relief, and Cancer Research fundraising. In school, they have offered support at lunch and break time and put on school shows to raise money for our school and the local community. They have also helped to ensure our school is a safe environment for all our students to enjoy.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Oakley Cross Anti-Bullying Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Oakley Cross Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Oakley Cross Anti-Bullying Mentors make themselves available and approachable in their own time at school, giving up this time in the cause of making the school a more comfortable place for pupils to coexist. They have also worked at charity fundraising despite having homework and revision to complete. This year, our group has achieved a greater level of commitment to the project. This voluntary sacrifice of their free-time, when other children would usually be playing, demonstrates determination and a selfless attitude.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Young People's Anti-Bullying Support Initiative

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Cockfield Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Over the past two years, the Young People's Anti-Bullying Support Initiative has been collaborating with a local secondary school to complete a booklet on anti-bullying training, and extend a wealth of charitable and supportive work across our entire area. This has been complimented by excessive efforts within the school to prevent and raise awareness of bullying. Such activities undertaken to this end include; a mentor support system within school (enabling pupils to come with problems to be sorted), sponsored events for well-known charities, and raising money for charity through shows at their local secondary school's holiday programme initiative.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Ramshaw Anti-Bullying Leaders

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Ramshaw Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Ramshaw Anti-Bullying Leaders have raised money for charity through making and selling items, sponsorship activities and connections with the local church. They have also participated in an anti-bullying initiative adopted by many schools in the area called the 'buddy' system. The group itself have never turned down an opportunity to help someone or go to someone's aid, they have certainly made our school a much happier and comfortable environment through their work regarding anti-bullying. This has been commented upon by many parents who have seen a definite difference by our governing body at the school

**Award Holder/Group Name:** SSCS Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** South Shields Community School

**Town:** South Shields

**Region:** North East

SSCS Anti-Bullying Ambassadors' initiatives have been high profile and visible in school every single day. Our anti-bullying mascot the 'Panda' brings awareness of bullying in a fun, humorous and engaging way. Through our anti-bullying Panda approach we have changed how staff and students see and deal with bullying. Every one of our Ambassadors has put in 100% to raise the profile of anti-bullying in school, our feeder schools and the community. They are a credit to each other and the school. They are willing to go that extra mile to support one another and other students.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** St Andrews Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** St Andrews Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

St Andrews Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have constantly been prepared to offer their own time to support the anti-bullying projects and charitable community work extended by the school. Activities they have undertaken to this end include, their anti-bullying programme and fundraising activities that have prospered numerous projects both regionally and nationally. This sacrifice of their time has limited the activities young people are expected to do as part of their regular childhood, and they have done this in order to help others. These continued actions of selflessness and kindness have shown this group to be full of pupils able to exceed expectations of people their age.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop School An Academy Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Staindrop an Academy

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

Staindrop Academy Mentors have expanded their Mentor Anti-Bullying project into over twenty primary feeder schools helping them adopt similar strategies to tackle bullying. They are a fearless and focused group of students, committed to making a difference. As well as helping stamp out bullying, the group has also worked alongside two national supermarkets – creating soldier parcels for the brave men and women fighting abroad and creating Christmas hampers for the elderly, free of charge. Their genuine care has captivated others to become even more understanding and celebrate difference.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop Anti-Bullying Buddies

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Staindrop C of E Primary School

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Staindrop Anti-Bullying Buddies have worked very hard to extend the positives of previous groups from our school. Appreciating their age and other personal commitments such as their studies, to volunteer time on a weekend and in their breaks and lunchtimes to make the difference for so many charitable causes is certainly above and beyond what would be expected of them. By raising money, they have helped to ensure our school is a safe and comfortable place for children to feel safe and enjoy. This shows their dedication and determination to help others and make our community (school and local) a better and nicer place for everyone to enjoy.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Startforth Anti-Bullying Champions

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Startforth Morrith Memorial CE Primary School

**Town:** Barnard Castle

**Region:** North East

Startforth Anti-Bully Champions have taken part in the activities above in their own time, alongside a widely popular support system during their times within school. Instead of putting their own fun and interests first, this group has consistently and consciously put the interests, safety and comfort of others before their own. This was extended through their commitment to support other projects across the locality such as raising money for charities within holiday programmes, holding bake sales, and working with the elderly in the community have demonstrated the selfless quality of the group in order to improve the community both school and local areas.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Woodhouse Community Primary School Anti-Bullying Group A

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Woodhouse Community Primary School

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

This Anti-Bullying Group are tackling bullying on a daily basis, ensuring a safer learning environment for all. In their role as break monitors the group ensure younger children have a greater support network to approach if they need help. Their admirable efforts have met with adulation from teachers, parents, and governors, as well as motivating and inspiring other younger pupils to join the group and help take a stand against bullying.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop School An Academy Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Staindrop an Academy

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

This group have expanded their Mentor Anti-Bullying project into over twenty primary feeder schools helping them adopt similar strategies to tackle bullying. They are a fearless and focused group of students, committed to making a difference. As well as helping stamp out bullying, the group has also worked alongside two national supermarkets – creating soldier parcels for the brave men and women fighting abroad and creating Christmas hampers for the elderly, free of charge. Their genuine care has captivated others to become even more understanding and celebrate difference.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop Academy Anti-Bullying Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Staindrop Academy

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

This group of students have been instrumental in the recent 'outstanding' accreditation given by OFSTED. Their commitment to tackling bullying and providing support in the school community has been noticed by all and the impact far reaching. As well as providing support to their peers, they also give up their free time to sell products, make items and raise money through sponsored events. Their acts of kindness and generosity go above and beyond – a shining example to all who come across them.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Northfield School Peer Supporters

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Northfield School & Sports College

**Town:** Billingham

**Region:** North East

This is a group of extremely enthusiastic Peer Supporters who have volunteered to be student supporters, particularly in the area of Anti-Bullying, but not exclusively so as they have volunteered throughout school. They are very approachable, enthusiastic and incredibly motivated whether supporting individual students or raising funds for charity especially during Anti-bullying Week – their current total is over £12000 which no doubt will be added to in November. They are very proud when awarded the coveted Blue Smiley badge and this pride continues when they finally receive the blue tie in Upper School. They lift the spirits of anyone who meets them and bring to life to the school's motto – Many Minds One Heart!

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Escomb Primary School Anti-Bullying Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Escomb Primary

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

Through their Anti-Bullying efforts within the school during breaks, everyone agrees that the Anti-Bullying Group have demonstrated selflessness by giving their own time up, understanding of others and helpfulness by becoming a point of contact for younger pupils in need, and above all kindness, in every activity and aspect undertaken. The group has been particularly instrumental in helping celebrate difference, both in school and in society, raising the level of self-awareness and, as a result, increasing the self-confidence and leading to a greater sense of compassion

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Oakley Cross Primary School Anti-Bullying Group

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Oakley Cross Primary

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

Through their hard work, the Anti-Bullying Group have gone above and beyond to prevent and raise awareness of bullying. Via the 'buddy' system, the younger children from their school have often remarked that they like going to the group for help, and they feel happier and safer at school. To implement the buddy system, the group have made themselves readily available in their break times, lunch times and sometimes afterschool and are praised highly from students and staff for their kind and caring approach.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Toft Hill Anti-Bullying Leaders

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Toft Hill Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Toft Hill Anti-Bullying Leaders have successfully collaborated together to support a range of charities, some larger well known fundraising projects like Sports Relief and Children in Need, and more localised ones, working with care homes and hospices. This has made the school community a much better place to be. We have observed higher levels of awareness, self-belief, and understanding. What we are seeing now is a greater drive to take part, make the difference, offer support, cooperate, and above all, be inspiring for other children to follow in their footsteps. Their entire approach to the programme has had a very positive return to our pupils, recognised by our school and wider community.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Woodland Anti-Bullying Owls

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Woodland Primary School

**Town:** Bishop Auckland

**Region:** North East

Woodland Anti-Bullying Owls have continually sacrificed their lunch and break times to sell products, make items, and take part in sponsored events to raise money. Throughout the year, this group of children have made a difference to others through helping with a range of charitable programmes. Their acts of kindness and generosity have proven their ability to go above and beyond what we would expect of our children in the school. These children have carried out their selfless acts in their own time very positively and very enthusiastically.

# DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Jodie

**Category:** Diana Champion Fundraiser

**Organisation:** Excelsior Academy

**Town:** Newcastle

**Region:** North East

Jodie is a truly inspirational young person. Three years ago, her aunt was diagnosed with terminal cancer. On a regular basis, she would travel a 6 and 1/2 hour round trip, by coach from Newcastle to Edinburgh to visit her aunt, help with household chores and spend time trying to cheer her up. Despite this responsibility she took upon herself she, still remained positive. Jodie ensured her school work was always completed and during this time she gained valuable insight into the work carried out by MacMillan Nurses. She was so impressed and moved by their work, that in July of this year, she decided to sign up for the 'Brave the Shave' fundraising campaign where Jodie has raised vital funds for MacMillan nurses.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Mark

**Category:** Diana Champion Fundraiser

**Organisation:** University of Sunderland/Children's Fundraising Pot

**Town:** Sunderland

**Region:** North East

Mark has been a dedicated and enthusiastic fundraiser since the age of six. He first completed the Bridges Walk for the Children's Society raising over £400. He has also completed the Durham Walk and Marsden walk and last year walked along Hadrian's Wall. At the age of seven Mark completed a charity "Ski-A-Thon", skiing continuously for over seven hours, raising over £700. He also has made cakes which were sold at Christmas goods stalls and contributed to local charities many other ways. Through all of these efforts Mark has raised over £2000 for local charities, an exceptional achievement.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop Academy Champion Mentor Fundraisers

**Category:** Diana Champion Fundraiser

**Organisation:** Staindrop Academy

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Staindrop Academy Champion Mentor Fundraisers have taken part in admirable and charitable activities in their own time within school. Instead of putting their own fun and interests first, this group has consistently and consciously put the interests, safety, and comfort of others before their own. Their activities have included bag-packing for the school's anti-bullying projects, organising sponsored walks for national charities and running a carol concert in aid of the local hospice. Without their level of commitment and stalwart approach, the school's charitable drive would not have had the lasting effect or the level of success it has achieved over the years.

# DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Brooke  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** Cramlington Voluntary Youth Project  
**Town:** Cramlington  
**Region:** North East

Brooke's incredible work begun at the age of 11 taking part in indoor and outdoor activities supporting, motivating her team members and encouraging participation. She has a natural ability to lead activities, is a positive role model for young people, and through praise and encouragement she raises aspirations to achieve their goals. Brooke's interaction with young people with disabilities and young carers is remarkable, she is an inspirational leader, a listener, never says no, and is always positive with a smile on her face. She has faced many challenging situations, showing maturity and wisdom and has helped many overcome apprehensions and fears, improving their outcomes.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Jaimie-Leigh  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** Excelsior Academy  
**Town:** Newcastle  
**Region:** North East

Jaimie-Leigh is a fantastic role model. On Saturdays, in her own time, Jaimie-Leigh volunteers at Westgate Ark, a stray cat shelter. Jamie-Leigh sourced the placement herself and often stays all day, cleaning out litter trays, feeding the cats and carrying out numerous other tasks with her dedication being noted by all of those at Westgate Ark. Jamie-Leigh is able to balance this with studying for her GCSE examinations and offering her services to support and mentor other students at school. She is an outstanding role model for the other pupils of Excelsior Academy and the broader community.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Peer mentors and anti bullying working party  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** All Saints Academy  
**Town:** Stockton-on-Tees  
**Region:** North East

Peer mentors and Anti-Bullying Working Party have committed 100s of hours to making their Academy a safer place. They mentor students who might be struggling socially, with organisation or in particular subjects. Each of them has had a number of mentees over the years and have got them to a point where they are settled and confident. The group have also organised fundraisers, extra curricular days and assemblies to bring awareness and help prevent bullying.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Staindrop Academy Mentor Champion Volunteers  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** Staindrop Academy  
**Town:** Darlington  
**Region:** North East

The group have made a huge difference to themselves and those around them, especially in the school and wider community. One aspect of their anti-bullying efforts and charitable work has concentrated around 'difference', that everyone is not the same. To this end, the group have been able to recognise and identify, accept, and respect such difference in such a way that celebrates difference. As a result of this, within the school, the group has been able to bring a higher level of tolerance to difference, both in school and in society, raising the level of self-awareness and, as a result, increasing the self-confidence and leading to a greater sense of compassion. This sense of compassion has diffused amongst themselves and within the school as a whole as they have made their efforts toward anti-bullying.

# DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Leah

**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen

**Organisation:** Staindrop an Academy

**Town:**

**Region:** North East

Leah is an exceptional young role model and an mentor. As a keen dancer, she uses her skills to her advantage, encouraging children to express themselves in a safe space, building their confidence and self-belief. For her age, she is a remarkable student, who has gone above and beyond the regular 9-5 school hours for the sake of others. Through her constant support in the local county, she is an active campaigner and encourages others to become strong individuals.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Charlotte

**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen

**Organisation:** KTS Academy

**Town:** Brotton

**Region:** North East

Lottie takes each new challenge in her stride and enriches the lives of all who have the privilege of coming into contact with her. She is registered blind and has a hearing impairment but despite this, she is one of the most charismatic children to be found in her school, and always a joy to be with and to respond to. Despite various set-backs, Lottie has bounced right back and has remained happy, smiling, and a constant pleasure to be around.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Shanice

**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen

**Organisation:** Staindrop Academy

**Town:** Darlington

**Region:** North East

Shanice is very special, from being a small child she has had to overcome severe physical impairment (curvature of the spine), going through numerous operations. Shanice has always offered to support all of our fundraisers, including bag packing which involved her standing for long periods of time packing bags, putting great pressure on her physically as you can appreciate. This she has done more than 10 times a year in order to support charitable causes. She has also gone out to various local primary schools where she has led dancing projects, showing younger children how to get involved and how to support each other. She has never refused or complained about offering her support to the program, and has constantly put herself forward for everything despite her disability.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Emily

**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen

**Organisation:** Barnardo's SECOS Project

**Town:** Middlesbrough

**Region:** North East

Emily has shown great courage and determination and has inspired adults and children alike. She has taken from her own healing time and terrible experience to compose a song to encourage young people who have been victims of a sexual crime to have the courage to come forward and report their abuse. Emily learned to play the guitar, and she wrote, sang, produced and donated her song to Barnardo's to encourage and empower others who have suffered to have a voice and speak out. Emily has been determined to turn her experiences in the past into something positive for other people and this award proves she has done so.