

Annual Community Awards – Gerard Hurst

We would like to nominate Gerard Hurst for this award, in recognition of his endless contribution towards education within the village for an unbelievable 27 years.

During this time Gerard has volunteered as a school Governor for the Shevington Federation of Primary Schools (Shevington Vale and Millbrook), where he has provided unrelenting support to the schools through some very challenging times, including the restructuring that saw the sad closure of Shevington Community Primary School..

For over 10 years Gerard has been the Chair of Governors, leading the Governing Body and working with the Senior Leadership Teams of the schools to ensure that the children within our community continue to receive an excellent education and school experience.

Alongside this role, Gerard volunteers at vicarage recreation ground, maintaining the grounds for the local sports teams and events, being seen frequently at community events directing traffic and parking! Gerard also supports those within the community who require transportation, through driving the local community bus and has most recently begun to support The Guide Dogs for the blind, fostering dogs in their care and supporting puppies in training. The schools have also benefitted from this role with Gerard bringing the dogs within his care into school, educating the children on the role the dogs undertake and their importance to their owners.

In Spring 2024 Gerard will leave his role of School Governor, handing over to a colleague on the board. Gerard will be greatly missed but we have no doubt that he will continue to support our schools, popping in routinely as he does on his dog walking route to see how things are going.

We think this would be a perfect time to recognise Gerard for all that he has given to our community, of his personal time and energy, over the last 27 years.