



PRESS RELEASE

Local Business & Local People Award

The Holiday Inn, Farnborough were commended by the Rushmoor Strategic Partnership (RSP) at a reception hosted by the Mayor of Rushmoor, Councillor Alan Ferrier and Chairman of the partnership, Councillor Peter Moyle on Thursday, 19th June at Rushmoor Borough Council Offices.

The award, sponsored by the Aldershot News Group, is aimed at local businesses that have contributed to the community to improve quality of life in Rushmoor.

Holiday Inn Farnborough and its Spirit Health Club were selected to receive an award for their partnership working with students with learning difficulties from Farnborough College of Technology. The students, studying a sport and recreation module, visit the hotel monthly to learn about working in a health club. The group have a range of issues and needs. All suffer low self-esteem and have little confidence. Many have difficulties with literacy and writing.

Frankie High, back to work course director at Farnborough College of Technology said: "The team at the Holiday Inn Farnborough have helped many students overcome the fear that often gets in the way of their dreams."

This project is just one of many projects that the hotel is involved with. As well as Farnborough College of Technology the hotel works with other schools and organisations in the borough.

Councillor Peter Moyle, RSP Chairman commented: "The work that the Holiday Inn do for the local community is an excellent example of how local businesses and local people can gain mutual benefit. We would like to encourage as many local businesses as possible to work more closely with the local community of Rushmoor."

The partnership is encouraging local businesses that are already involved or who are intending to get involved with supporting community projects in Aldershot and Farnborough to take part in next year's competition. To be considered for an award local

businesses should contact the Partnership Officer at Rushmoor Borough Council on 01252 398221 or visit www.rushmoorsp.com.

Entries for next years 'Local Business and Local People' Awards need to be submitted by Friday 20th March 2009.

The Rushmoor Strategic Partnership (formed in 2002) is the local strategic partnership for Rushmoor and brings together major agencies (public, private and voluntary) in the district including Rushmoor Borough Council to work together to make Rushmoor a better place to live, work and visit. The Rushmoor Strategic Partnership is working towards improving economic, social and environmental wellbeing for the area and is keen to ensure that local business have a chance to contribute towards that.

- For further information please contact Annie Denton at Rushmoor Borough Council on 01252 398221.