

## The George Clarke award for Exceptional Commitment

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| Background                | <p>Northern Region has been approached by the daughter of a long standing Caravan Club member who wishes to sponsor an award in memory of her late father George Clarke.</p> <p>Mr Clarke's caravan 'career' is summarised below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joined the Caravan Club in 1955 and over the years was active at centre, regional and national level.</li> <li>• Initially held offices in Midland Centre and went on to become the first chairman of West Warwickshire Centre.</li> <li>• A member of the National Rally, Events and Executive Committees</li> <li>• Was the voice behind the announcements at many National rallies</li> <li>• Acted as a judge for the Caravan Design Awards.</li> <li>• Received honorary life membership of the Club in 2002</li> <li>• Active in Northern Centres on moving up to East Yorkshire</li> </ul>  |
| Purpose of the award      | <b>To honour exceptional commitment to caravanning.</b> 'Exceptional' is very subjective and must be considered to be outstanding i.e. well above the norm.  |
| Promotion of the award    | It is suggested this is promoted through the Regional website, Centre websites and handbooks.  |
| Frequency of Presentation | It is suggested that this is an annual award, taking the form of a trophy to be presented at the Northern Region AGM. However as the award is for <b>exceptional</b> commitment, it is suggested that this only be presented in <b>exceptional</b> cases. There may be a year where no nomination is received, or where in the judges' opinion, commitment is not considered to be <b>exceptional</b> .  |
| Eligibility and Judging   | <p>The nature of the award is likely to favour club members who are and have been very active at centre or regional level (not necessarily within Northern Region) over a number of years.</p> <p>The following suggestions are made regarding eligibility to receive the award:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Restricted to Club members currently residing in the geographical area covered by the Centres which form Northern Region.</li> <li>2. Nomination may be received either through the Centre or direct to the Northern Region Secretary.</li> <li>3. Northern Region Council will consider the nominations received and agree whether an award should be made and the name of the person to receive the award.</li> </ol>  |
| Suggested Rules           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominee must be a current Caravan Club member nominated by another current Caravan Club member (not an immediate relative) who resides within the Northern Region or a member of a Centre within the Northern Region at the time of nomination.</li> <li>2. Nominations must be in writing clearly stating the exceptional commitment shown to caravanning which merits the award. This should be based on evidence.</li> <li>3. Points 1 to 3 in the previous paragraph are also considered to be rules, but have not been repeated here</li> <li>4. Whilst a member who has been nominated for the award (and not won it) can be nominated again in a subsequent year, no person who has won the award is eligible to win it again</li> <li>5. The awards council decision is final and no feedback on why a particular nomination was unsuccessful will be given.</li> <li>6. The trophy will be held by the winner for approximately one year. The winner will be responsible for returning the trophy to the Regional Secretary by a date to be agreed. Secretary to contact the member approximately 6 weeks before the next presentation to arrange for the trophy to be returned.</li> </ol> |