

PEOPLE NEWS

BRASS BAND DIRECTOR RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Conductor is 'community hero'

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An enthusiastic musical director of a longstanding brass band has won this month's Community Hero Award.

Ian Stewart, who has spent much of his free time over the past 13 years conducting the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham Brass Band (LGB Brass), has been recognised as an unsung 'hero' who helps to make the community a better place to live.

His expertise and passion has led to success for the band in regional and national competitions, including being crowned Third Section National Champions of Great Britain in 2013.

LGB Brass has toured in Europe and regularly plays at events in Sussex.

Ian began playing the trombone aged 11, spent 22 years in the army music service and his final appointment was as School Bandmaster

at Kneller Hall, the home of the British Army School of Music

Now a railway driver trainer, he still makes time to spread his joy of brass band music at weekly rehearsals at All Saints Church, Lewes, and also runs a training group.

In addition, he continues to play trombone, currently with the championship section band, Friary Guildford.

Ian was delighted at receiving the award, which is sponsored by Welbeing, the specialist provider of independent living services, and the Sussex Express.

He said: "I enjoy helping the band play as well as they possibly can and it's a phenomenal feeling when they perform at their best and you can see people are really enjoying the music."

Charlene Saunders, marketing manager at Welbeing, said: "Communities need people like Ian who are willing to share their enthusiasm and skills with others. He has passed on his love of brass band music to many people, both players



Ian Stewart accepting his award from Charlene Saunders

and audiences."

To nominate someone for the Community Hero award, email angela@cobbpr.com

with details of who you are nominating and why they deserve it. The winner receives a meal for

two at a local restaurant.

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