



MARSH AWARD WINNERS / 2018

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Every year the Marsh Christian Trust recognises some of the outstanding contributions made by volunteers of The Arts Society in the field of heritage conservation and arts education.

The Marsh Christian Trust was founded in 1981 as a grant-making body by Brian Marsh OBE. Over the past 30 years, the Trust has developed an Award Scheme to provide recognition to and reward those who modestly work to improve peoples' lives and the world in which we live. Recipients of Marsh Awards are always people who make a difference by selflessly contributing their time and energy.

We are delighted to announce the 2018 prize-winners:

Heritage Volunteer Award, Individual Winner: *Marion and Bill Hastings, Isle of Man*
and *Jennifer McDowell, Edinburgh*

Church Recording, Individual Winner: *John Blackford, Faversham, Kent*

Church Recording, Individual Highly Commended: *Priscilla Boddington, Taunton*

Young Arts Award, Individual Winner: *Elizabeth Barnikel, North Wilts*

Young Arts Award, Individual Highly Commended: *Liz Jarvis, Henley*

Group Award Winner: *Beaconsfield & Gerrards Cross Church Recording group*

In 2017 the Marsh Christian Trust generously agreed to sponsor the additional award for Arts Society volunteers - those who serve on Society Committees. They are the hub from which all other activities are developed, so we are delighted for the opportunity to recognise and honour them too. This Award is for a Committee that has made a significant difference to their Society within the past year.

The Winner of the Society Committee Award is: *The Arts Society Wrekin*

The prize-winners will be presented with their awards at a special reception on 19th April, in the stunning surroundings of Two Temple Place, currently home to our anniversary exhibition, Rhythm and Reaction.

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EDITORS' NOTES:

The Arts Society is a leading arts education charity with a global network of 385 local Societies, which bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. Our events provide welcoming places – locally, nationally and globally – for everyone to hear expert lecturers share their specialist knowledge about the arts.

With 90,000+ members who contribute to and preserve our artistic heritage through volunteering and grants, The Arts Society works to create a better, healthier and more connected society. www.theartsociety.org

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