

# Local Hero Award 2025

**Nominee**

*This certificate is proudly awarded to*

**SPACE YOUTH PROJECT**

**In recognition of their contribution to  
Mid Dorset and North Poole**

**Vikki Slade**

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Member of Parliament for Mid Dorset & North Poole

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Our Ref: VS09881

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Dear Helen and the team,

**Re: Local Hero Awards 2025**

I am delighted to write to you to congratulate you on being nominated as part of the very first Local Hero Awards 2025.

I launched the competition back in the summer inviting nominations from across the constituency for individuals and groups that stand out for making a real difference in their communities.

This nomination is for the volunteers that help run groups for the LGBTQ+ young people and their families and provide an invaluable service. It was a pleasure to visit you and see first hand the brilliant work being done to support young people across the local area.

The nomination explained that the Space Youth Project “enables young people to have safe, non-judgemental space to be themselves, have fun, find out facts and escape the negativity that they can be subjected to in the wider world. Without the volunteers providing this service many LGBT+ young people would be totally isolated, more unhappy, desperate for help and potentially find incorrect/dangerous information or friends online.”

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and to congratulate you on your nomination.

Yours sincerely

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