

# **Soroptimist International Milton Keynes**

**Our Violet Awards  
and more action by  
Milton Keynes**





# What did we do?



**We held an awards evening to celebrate: women of action, unsung heroes helping vulnerable women in the charities we support**

**And we called  
it the  
Violet Awards**

**Violet Richardson Ward  
Inspires**

**“Its what you do that  
counts”**



# Why did we do the Violet awards?

- **Soroptimists 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary**
- **Covid Pandemic**
- **To value**
- **To celebrate**
- **Improve the general wellbeing of volunteers and staff of our charities**
- **Advance good citizenship**



# How did we do the Violet awards?

- **Sub group set up**
- **Project planned it which included the following:**
- **Budget**
- **Timescale – 6 to 8 months**
- **Venue**
- **Nomination form and invitation list 3-4 months before**
- **Judging process established**
- **Equipment**



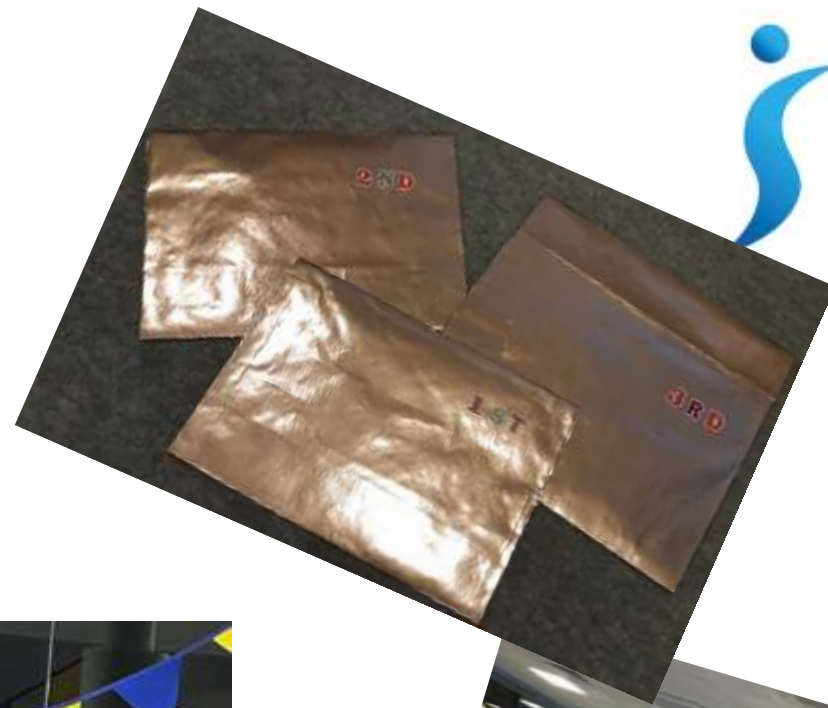
Milton Keynes Soroptimist wish to  
Invite you and your partner  
to our  
Violet Awards

The Award ceremony will take place on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
at the  
MK Snap, 20 Bourton Low , Walnut Tree  
Milton Keynes , MK7 7DE

Refreshments will be available  
and our speaker is  
Zoe Raven, Chief Executive, Acorn Nurseries

Please RSVP your attendance to  
[soroptimistsmk@gmail.com](mailto:soroptimistsmk@gmail.com) by no later than  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023





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**How did we do the Violet awards?**



Milton Keynes Soroptimist Club  
Violet Awards for  
Women of Action



**WINNER**



is presented to

**Name**

This Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition is awarded in sincere gratitude for going that extra mile over your normal work responsibilities and making your clients lives at MK Act more bearable during their crisis.

We value what you have done and Thank you for your outstanding contribution.

Thank you from Soroptimist International Milton Keynes

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Oct 2023

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# What were the benefits?

- **Recognising unsung heroes**
- **We said thank you to them and having this said in front of their peers**
- **Hearing the stories of their devotion**
- **Nominations were sought from paid and unpaid staff and all were valued equally**
- **Agencies learning more about other agencies in Milton Keynes**
- **Promoting Soroptimism**





# What were the benefits?



**First 2021 Awards - winner from UnityMK (Homeless Charity):**

**What a tremendous building block in my new life.**



**Second Violet Awards 2023 - From one of the founders of the Ukraine Appeal:**

**Feeling of togetherness.  
That night will remain very special in our hearts and for sure will boost the spirit of fellow Ukrainians.**

# What lessons did we learn

- **Giving more guidance on completing the nomination form**
- **Less cumbersome scoring system**
- **Sticking to the timings of the evening**
- **Changing format from straight line seating to table format to allow for informal discussions**
- **Less food**
- **Giving more time at end for networking which charities find useful**



# Our Violet Awards

- **Emotional and inspiring evening**
- **Valuing**
- **Supporting vulnerable women**
- **Enjoyment and celebration**
  
- **We hope to repeat this event every two years**



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# Our Ukraine Projects



- **Supporting Ukraine Appeal Charity in MK**
- **Supporting work of SI Krakow and their work with Ukraine refugees**

**Any Questions**

**Thank you**

