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**Please ask for**

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**Our ref:** 9207908

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Dear Helen Cross

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see below for further details.

You asked:

***1. Please provide me with a list of individuals, groups of people and/or bodies, who have been awarded the freedom of your council area, or any similar award or designation.***

***By similar award or designation, I mean an honorary civic award bestowed by the council on an individual, company, group or military unit with the intent of recognising their contribution to the local area. This would exclude formal civic offices eg Mayor. I am interested in receiving the information for any period for which you hold the records.***

***end.***

Such honours are awarded by the full Council (in an extraordinary meeting) under section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972. A search of our committee papers since 2005, which are publicly available online on the link below:

<https://warwickshireintranet.moderngov.co.uk/Data/County%20Council/201403250945/Agenda/f3bfwMdbOcbs173FHpcI7nG2bVcmY.pdf>

For any awards of similar honours made before 2005 you might want to check whether County Records holds any information.

Please note: We would consider that this information is exempt under Section 21(1) (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Although this information is held by Warwickshire County Council; under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Public Authorities are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible.

Please follow the link and instructions above, which will take you directly to published copies of these documents.

Please treat this response as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for the document outlined above.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management  
Shire Hall  
Warwick  
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Website: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Cheshire  
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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Information Rights Officer