



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

"With this enthusiasm we cannot but succeed"
DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD

This Award for Distinguished Service
is presented to

Andrew Watts

for making an outstanding contribution
to the Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Hanney".

SIGNED *Lord Hanney of Chiswick, Chair, UNA-UK*

Andrew Watts

Nomination submitted by UNA Central Region

Andrew Watts is a genuine 'grassroots' member if ever there was one and fully committed to the cause of the United Nations and its Charter, and UNA-UK.

He has been involved with UNA Warwick District branch for over 35 years, serving on the branch committee for well over 25. A backbone of the branch, Andrew is a practical man and extremely handy with tools, having trained as an agricultural engineer. Over the years he has always been present at the branch's activities, from AGMs to 'bring and buy' fundraising events, coffee mornings to garden fetes and lunch meetings with speakers. Andrew always arrives early to help with setting up, putting up tables and chairs, assisting in the kitchen to help prepare our ploughman's lunches and serving tea and coffee. And at the end of meetings, he stays on to make sure the tables and chairs are put away properly, all the washing up is done and the crockery and cutlery are put in the right place.

Over the years, Andrew has attended many regional and national UNA-UK events, often representing Warwick District branch as a delegate. Andrew has also made a tremendous contribution in lending moral and practical support to some of the branch's most seminal achievements, helping, for example, the branch in its role as founder member of the Leamington Peace Festival in 1979, developing the One World Link between Warwick District and Bo in Sierra Leone in 1981 and the Local Agenda 21 in the mid-1990s. During the last 30 years at the annual Leamington Peace Festival, Andrew has always been there to help with setting up the stalls and putting the big marquees and tents and helping with transporting (and then, of course, clearing up at the end of events). He has also often represented the branch on the committees of these bodies.

Andrew has always believed in helping other people, and outside of UNA, has been involved with Age Concern, Myton Hospice and visiting the elderly. He is a man of many interests and has travelled widely. His special interest is India, which he visits every year, and is particularly taken with its railway network and its people. He is always happy to regale an audience with his traveller's tales.

Andrew is the kind person without whom local branches just could not function. It would be a tremendous accolade for Andrew if he were to be honoured in this way on behalf of all those grassroots activists who keep UNA-UK 'on the road'.