



INSPIRING 20
ABERDEENSHIRE 21

Awards Ceremony

Welcome

Fiona Stalker

Opening of Ceremony

Provost of Aberdeenshire,
Councillor Bill Howatson



Performance One

South Aberdeenshire Music Centres –
Junior Concert Band – “Over the Rainbow”



Aberdeenshire’s Future Award

Presented by Councillor Gillian Owen

Inspirational Volunteer Award

Sponsored by AVA

Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award

Sponsored by TPS Fruit and Veg

Presented by Councillor Anne Stirling

The Cultural Award

Presented by Councillor Ron McKail



Performance Two

Paul Anderson – “John McNeil”

**Beautiful Aberdeenshire
Environmental Award**

Sponsored by Instock

Presented by Councillor Peter Argyle

Local Hero Courage Award

Presented by Jim Savege



Aberdeenshire Review of the Year



The Covid-10 Response Award

Sponsored by Scot-Tel Gould

Presented by a Special Guest

The Community Spirit Award

Presented by Councillor Andy Kille



Performance Three

Bundy – “The Doric Min”



**The Inspiring Aberdeenshire
Lifetime Achievement Award**

Sponsored by BP, our Headline Sponsor

Presented by Provost of Aberdeenshire,
Councillor Bill Howatson



Vote of Thanks

Provost of Aberdeenshire,
Councillor Bill Howatson

Our Host

Fiona Stalker

Fiona Stalker is a senior presenter and journalist at BBC Scotland working in radio and television. She presents programmes including The Sunday Show, Seven Days and Good Morning Scotland. Fiona worked in the Aberdeen newsroom for many years and now divides her time between Glasgow and Aberdeen. She's a mum of twins and is a keen climber, paddleboarder and gym bunny.



Our Judges

From the more than one hundred nominations we receive, reviewing and selecting our group of finalists is no mean feat, never mind deciding on the eventual winners! Each year the Provost and our Chief Executive are joined by external judges to make up our Inspiring Aberdeenshire Judging panel. The judges spend time reviewing every nomination we receive, before coming together to discuss and select our finalists and winners. During the ceremony, we'll hear from some of them as they reflect on their challenging but very rewarding role.

Provost of Aberdeenshire, Councillor Bill Howatson

Provost Bill Howatson was educated at Edinburgh University where he was awarded an MA Hons in Scottish Historical Studies. He was first elected as a Councillor in 1999, serving as Provost of Aberdeenshire from 2007-2012 and for a second time since May 2017 to present. Provost Howatson lives in Montrose with his wife Hazel. He has two daughters and two grandchildren.

The role of Provost is wide ranging, involving all sectors of the local community and representing Aberdeenshire at local, national and international events.

Jim Savege

Jim started his career training as a teacher in Liverpool before working in management consultancy across a range of sectors including defence and utilities. His career in local government spans nearly two decades with previous roles at Staffordshire County Council and Cumbria County Council.

Jim took up post as Chief Executive with Aberdeenshire Council in February 2015. He is Returning Officer for Aberdeenshire Council and Clerk to the Lieutenancy of Aberdeenshire.

Jim is Chair of the Scottish Resilience Partnership and immediate past chair of Solace Scotland.

Superintendent Murray Main

Joining Grampian Police in 1990, Superintendent Murray Main has served across the North East, undertaking a range of uniformed and other duties in Aberdeen, Elgin, Banff and Huntly.

His policing career has taken him through roles in different divisions as a Sergeant, Inspector and in Local Area Commander positions before becoming Superintendent in 2019. His service has encompassed a diverse range of responsibilities from the Violence portfolio and Rural Crime, as well as in Communications and strategic project delivery.

In his current role with the North East Division he leads the Partnerships, Prevention & Events business area.

Superintendent Main is an experienced International Events and Football Match Commander and an organisationally competent Tactical Firearms Commander. He is married to a serving officer and has two daughters of school age. They reside in Inverurie, Aberdeenshire.

Jacky Niven

Jacky joined local Rural Partnership Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP), one of six Rural Partnerships operating across Aberdeenshire forming the Aberdeenshire Rural Partnership Federation (ARPF), when it was a fledgling organisation in 2015. KDP is a Scottish registered charity whose objectives are to encourage and develop voluntary activities and skills; and assist in the regeneration of the area through the improvement of the physical, social, and economic environment.

Jacky also chairs the Aberdeenshire Third Sector Strategy Group (TSSG) which provides a gateway between the local Third Sector and the local authority with several aims including ensuring that there is dialogue with the Third Sector at initial stages of Policy development concerning the Third Sector and Communities.

Alastair Macphie

Alastair Macphie took on the role of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Kincardineshire in 2020, having served as the deputy Lord Lieutenant in the five years prior.

Alastair has spent the past 27 years at the helm of the family business, Macphie. The business has grown from producing bakery supplies to becoming an international supplier of food and ingredients to bakers, caterers and food processors.

His family have stayed in Glenberrie since 1296, giving him a strong sense of responsibility to his family and to the community for its maintenance, well-being and prosperity. Alastair enjoys supporting businesses and community projects out with 'work' having been involved in many projects over the last 3 decades.

He serves as a board member for Opportunity North East on Food & Drink, as well as on the Institute of Family Business in London.

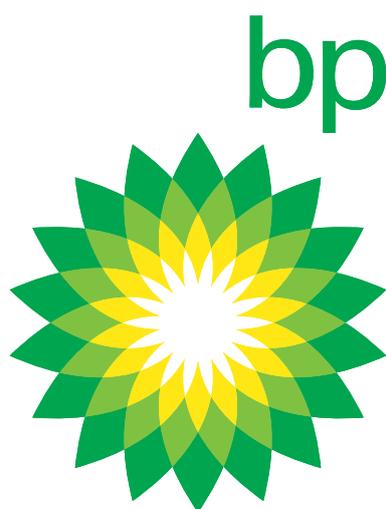
Alastair has been married Fiona for over 30 years and has two daughters, Emma and Michaela.



Our Sponsors

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We are very grateful for your support and involvement in this year's event, helping to recognise these remarkable finalists.



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bp is delighted to once again be supporting the Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards which recognise the good work being done by the people of Aberdeenshire. Congratulations to all the finalists and winners who selflessly enhance the quality of life in our communities.

bp's ambition is to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner and to help the world get to net zero. We're working hard to make our North Sea business the safest in the region and even more efficient and sustainable, deploying some of the latest technologies to reduce emissions offshore.

It's a challenge our people thrive on, knowing that the energy generated in the north-east of Scotland is helping to keep our company on a strong footing to help fund increased investment in low carbon activities.

bp's strategy will see us pivot from an international oil company to an integrated energy company, increasingly investing in low carbon solutions.

The good news is we're not starting from scratch. Our existing low carbon businesses provide us with a solid foundation, including in Scotland.

Whether it's exploring offshore wind opportunities or powering homes with clean electricity from Lightsource bp's solar development in Angus, we are delivering right here in Scotland to help meet the world's growing demand for low carbon energy.

That extends to helping our communities through innovative partnerships with Aberdeen City Council and Future Woodlands Scotland.

With the former we aim to help the Council achieve the goals of its Net Zero Vision to reduce carbon emissions and become a climate positive city. With the latter, bp has enabled the creation of a £2million fund to help create and restore native woodlands across the country.

Our partnerships and low carbon businesses - both those operating now and proposed for the future - will see us build on and transform our long-standing position in Scotland's energy industry.

AVA

Sponsor of the Inspirational Volunteer Award

AVA is Aberdeenshire's Third Sector Interface – we're a charitable company that exists to support, promote and connect the local Community, Voluntary and Third Sectors here in Aberdeenshire.

Our mission is to encourage the growth of strong, resilient, communities in Aberdeenshire by connecting, supporting, and promoting volunteers, charities, community-led organisations, and social enterprises collectively known as the Third Sector. The AVA team operates across the length & breadth of Aberdeenshire, supporting volunteers and organisations from Sandend and St Combs in the north, to Braemar in the west and Laurencekirk and St Cyrus in the south – and everywhere in between!

Inspiring Aberdeenshire offers a unique and exciting way to celebrate the fantastic achievements and hard work that is happening every day in communities across the area. Thanks to those willing to go the extra mile to make communities better, Aberdeenshire is an increasingly vibrant, inclusive, welcoming and cared for place to live and work. It is appreciated by so many.

The dedication and commitment of those who are nominated for the Inspirational Volunteer Award is phenomenal and we congratulate and thank each of them for their inspiring work. It gives AVA great pleasure to sponsor the award and celebrate our amazing volunteers in Aberdeenshire.

For more information on AVA's work and how we can provide support, visit:
www.avashire.org.uk

Instock

Sponsor of the Beautiful Aberdeenshire Environmental Award

Instock are delighted to honour the 'local folks' of Aberdeenshire who work tirelessly and give up their own time to put back into the local communities in this great region that we live in; sometimes going totally unrecognised for their efforts.

We are pleased to support Inspiring Aberdeenshire awards acknowledging these hard working individuals who endeavour to make a difference to our community.

Well done to all finalists from all the Management and Staff at Instock.

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TPS Fruit and Veg

Sponsor of the Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award

We at TPS Fruit and Veg Ltd pride ourselves on being a family run wholesaler, with the local community at the heart of everything we do. Situated on the outskirts of Turriff, we deliver only the freshest fruit and vegetables, dairy and dried goods to homes and businesses across the North East.

We take great pride in being a supplier to Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council and relish the opportunity to sponsor the awards honouring the achievements of local individuals who otherwise might go uncelebrated. Throughout the past year we have all seen and felt the impact of the Coronavirus across the entirety of the North-East and witnessed those who have not only taken it in their stride but risen to the challenge and aided those around them. We are delighted to sponsor The Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award this year. All the nominees are truly vital community members, who over the past year have put themselves at risk and worked hard to deliver vital care and assistance to the most vulnerable within our community, as well as peace of mind for the recipients nearest and dearest.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the nominees for this year's awards, the local community genuinely would not be the same without you.

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Scot-Tel Gould

Sponsor of the Covid-19 Response Award

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Our Performers

Aberdeenshire Council would like to thank our all our wonderful performers for taking part in this year's event and helping to showcase the fantastic range of talent there is across our area.

South Aberdeenshire Music Centre - Big Band

The South Aberdeenshire Music Centre Big Band brings together brass, guitar, percussion, piano, vocal and woodwind students from the South area of Aberdeenshire every Saturday morning from August to March to create music together. The Big Band, under the direction of Music Instructor Jennifer Cook, play a variety of styles of music from ballads and jazz standards to pop hits. As well as performing twice a year for the Music Centre concerts, the Big Band have also performed at the Aberdeen Jazz Festival and other charity events in the wider community.

Since March 2020 all Music Centre Ensembles have been meeting virtually. This has been a steep learning process for all, and especially the instructors that teach and lead these groups. Over the last 18 months all groups have produced virtual performances that have been shared with parents, schools and the wider community. In order to produce the virtual performance of Over the Rainbow, Jennifer worked in collaboration with Music Centre Instructor, Ben Light. Jennifer rehearsed the individual band parts, not an easy task in the virtual world, and collated the recordings made at home by pupils. Ben then mixed each individual recording ensuring the pupils' original recordings remained as authentic and natural sounding as possible, whilst blending together, using ProTools software. The audio needs to be synchronised with the video before manually positioning and sizing each video until everyone can fit on screen, which Ben achieved by using KineMaster software.

An enormous amount of work goes into virtual performances, and we hope you enjoy the end result. We do all, however, look forward to a time when our Music Centre ensembles can meet and play together live again.



Paul Anderson

Paul Anderson comes from Tarland on Deeside and is one of Scotland's most respected traditional musicians.

From a farming family, Paul is part of a musical lineage that goes directly back to Niel Gow, the "father of Scottish fiddle music" and during his competitive career he won almost every fiddle championship in Scotland including the Glenfiddich Scottish Fiddle Championship.

A celebrated fiddle teacher, Paul has performed all over the world and has performed regularly on TV and radio has released 11 solo albums. He featured in the recent remake of the classic film "Whisky Galore" and has composed over 600 original pieces of music including a symphony.

Paul is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Aberdeen and this year was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Aberdeen Art Gallery have a life size portrait of Paul which was painted by the artist Jennifer McRae.

Bundy

Bundy is a native son of Fraserburgh, where he has played his music for nearly 20 years in and around the North East. He has also played various festivals, such as the now defunct wizard festival and Butefest.

He has evolved his set list over those years to become one of the most eclectic performers around, encompassing pop, rock, celtic folk, country and music from every decade. He has always written originals, with the most recent being an EP in doric consisting of 6 tracks. "The Doric Min" will be released on all digital platforms on the 1st September.



Our 2020 Winners

The best part of an event like Inspiring Aberdeenshire is watching the short films about our fantastic finalists to showcase their hard work. One of the hardest parts about hosting last year's socially distanced, digital ceremony was that we couldn't get to see our winners collect their trophies in person.

So, in a little nod to the lockdown style of 'doorstep photography', we went out to capture our 2020 winners.



Thomas Truby

Winner of the Aberdeenshire's Future Award



Pieter voor de Poorte

Winner of the Community Spirit Award



Marion Montgomery

Winner of the Beautiful Aberdeenshire Environmental Award



Paul Cheyne

Winner of the Local Hero Courage Award



Brian McCann

Winner of the Inspiring
Aberdeenshire Lifetime
Achievement Award



Iona Fyfe

Joint winner of the
Cultural Award



Chris Reid

Joint winner of the
Cultural Award



**Relay for Life
Peterhead Committee**

Winners of the Inspirational
Volunteer Award



**Portlethen Home
Care Team**

Winners of the Heart of
Aberdeenshire Caring Award

Future Nominations

Has tonight's event inspired you to nominate someone you know for an award?

We know there is a fantastic amount of work that goes on in our Aberdeenshire communities, which helps to make Aberdeenshire a wonderful place to live, work and study. We want to share those stories and celebrate those efforts.

Our nominations for the 2022 Inspiring Aberdeenshire awards will open later this year. To keep up to date with the latest news, follow our **Inspiring Aberdeenshire Facebook page**.

