

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Lord Lieutenant Presents Queen's Award

Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts OBE, the Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, presented National Talking Newspapers & Magazines with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service at a ceremony held at Heathfield Community Centre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

In addition to National Talking Newspapers & Magazines volunteers and staff, local MP Charles Hendry, County Council Chairman Bob Lacey OBE - Chairman ESCC along with other senior figures from local government and the voluntary sector were in attendance, along with some of the charity's visually impaired subscribers.

National Talking Newspapers and Magazines received the award, first announced on June 2nd, in recognition of the vital contribution made by hundreds of volunteers to the charity's work in providing newspapers and magazines in a variety of audio and other accessible formats for blind and print disabled people.

In particular, the volunteers provide the voices for more than 200 newspapers and magazines recorded at the National Recording Centre in Heathfield. Without this contribution from volunteers it would not be practical to provide the service that has been described as a 'lifeline' to so many.

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### Notes to Editors

- Images from the ceremony can be downloaded from:  
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- Since 1984, National Talking Newspapers and Magazines, a registered charity, has been providing visually impaired and print disabled people in the UK and worldwide with newspapers and magazines in a variety of alternative formats including tape, audio CD, DAISY CD, audio download and digital full-text.
- Based in Heathfield, East Sussex, the charity's 40 staff and 200+ volunteers record more than 200 different newspaper and magazine titles and deliver more than 1 million tapes and CDs each year to thousands of people who cannot access the printed word.
- Three million people in the UK have a sight problem or print reading disability.
- The Queens Award for Voluntary Service is awarded annually and recognises the vital role played by the hundreds of thousands of 'unsung heroes' of the voluntary and community world and emphasises the importance of continuing recognition of their work. More information about the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service can be found on the website: [www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk](http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk)
- Photos showing the charity's work, along with other supporting material, can be found on our media resources page: [www.tnauk.org.uk/Pages/media\\_resources.html](http://www.tnauk.org.uk/Pages/media_resources.html)
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