



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

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We are delighted to announce the **MASE** (Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evening) has been awarded the prestigious '**Queen's Award for Voluntary Services**'. Nominations for the Award were made by Carers and cared for attending the groups and also by Professionals in the field of Dementia.

Four MASE Volunteers have also been invited to attend the Queen's Garden Party in London on 6 June 2013.

As Trustees of the Group we are really proud of this achievement and would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone that has been involved with the MASE from the beginning. Sincere thanks to all the people who had confidence in the MASE concept, and who have supported the Groups in so many different ways over the past four years.

As a voluntary group, winning an Award such as this is even more meaningful, because what we do comes from the heart and is not for financial reward. We could not function as a group without the dedication, commitment and support, from each and every one of our volunteers. They are all special people who give their time so graciously and who always have a smile and a warm welcome to greet the Carers and cared for attending each Group.

We are really victims of our own success and continue to have to self-fund our groups; this gets more and more difficult particularly in these times of austerity. By winning this Award, we hope to alert the people in charge of the purse strings, make them aware of the work we do, and hope they will realise that the Groups will not continue indefinitely, unless we get some support.

We are a local Charity supporting local people and we are proud to say, that for as long as we possibly can, 'we will continue to make a difference to the people who are on the journey of Dementia'.

Daphne, Elaine, Jim and Richard

Trustees of the MASE Groups