



## **Good Citizen Award - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

### **Citation – Laurence Rowe**

**On the afternoon of September 8th 2024, Laurence Rowe demonstrated exceptional bravery and quick thinking in the face of a potentially devastating fire incident in his neighbourhood. Upon hearing a fire alarm from a neighbouring house, Laurence immediately investigated the situation. Discovering that the homeowners were away, he observed smoke billowing from the kitchen window and noticed a piece of clothing drying near the oven had caught fire.**

**Without hesitation, Laurence used a garden hose from a neighbouring house to begin extinguishing the flames through the window while simultaneously contacting the homeowner, Even though very shocked, the homeowner was able to confirm that the back door was unlocked. So Laurence entered the house to extinguish the fire completely, preventing it from spreading and ensuring the damage was minimal.**

**These quick, decisive actions by Laurence and calmness under immense pressure potentially saved lives and protected the home from being engulfed in flames. His bravery exemplifies the best of community spirit by acting selflessly to protect others and property at his own personal risk.**

**In addition to his heroic actions, Laurence is a humble, kind and dependable neighbour, always ready to lend a helping hand. His remarkable quick thinking and courageous response to an emergency situation deserves the utmost recognition.**

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**It is therefore with great respect and admiration that we make this award to Laurence. His actions reflect a commendable commitment to his community and demonstrates a level of heroism and selflessness that truly stands above and beyond.**

**Laurence is the kind of neighbour we all aspire to have in our street and is so deserving of this Good Citizen Award.**

**Cllr Martin Saunders  
Chairman & Town Mayor, Horley Town Council**