

Thanks, carers

THE past 12 months haven't been easy for anyone. Regardless of what you do for a living or your personal circumstances, we've all faced our own, unique challenges and had our ups and downs.

Here at Worcestershire County Council, I am

extremely proud of our social care workers as they have worked tirelessly throughout the Covid pandemic, supporting our residents and communities.

Together, we care for and support adults across the county and despite the challenges faced by the national lockdown and restrictions, we've successfully adapted the way we work as a team to still meet the needs of vulnerable residents.

Every one of you, whether you work in a care home, domiciliary care, supported living, or social work, everyone has played a huge part in the response to the coronavirus pandemic and should be rightly proud of their achievements in doing so.

Carers have been on the frontline throughout this crisis providing the support, companionship, and care that the most vulnerable in our society need so much. There have

been many times when staff have gone above and beyond in the last year or so, yet too often, this care happens "behind the scenes", quietly and competently making a difference in people's lives.

Worcestershire's care workers continue to represent what true dedication and commitment really mean and I'm so pleased that the Health and Social Care Awards 2021 are allowing them a moment to shine

and for the wider community to see the difference that they make.

Many of us stood on our doorsteps and clapped for our health and social care staff in 2020 and they more than deserved that recognition and appreciation of their value to society.

So finally, I'd just like to say a huge thank you to every single care worker in Worcestershire. You care for others, seven days a week, 365 days a year and it

makes a massive difference to their lives.

I salute you.

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