

FFWPU UK: Selected for Watford Centenary Hero Certificate - Françoise Murphy

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This year, Watford celebrates its 100 years since the town was awarded its borough status. 100 people past and present were honoured for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the Watford community. Jeff Bateman, Judith Bruni and Françoise Murphy were selected in that list as key people to develop the Peace Garden in Watford.



On Wednesday 23 November, we had the privilege to have the visit of the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire Mrs. Sally Burton DL, Watford Elected Mayor Peter Taylor and Cllr Rabi Martins. The High Sheriff was interested to find out more about the Watford Peace Garden. As they all arrived, the Mayor asked to say a few words and to. An official photographer took photos of Judith and Françoise receiving the award. Unfortunately, Jeff wasn't present on that day. In his absence, Françoise and Judith showed everyone around the Peace Garden. The High Sheriff showed a great interest in the Peace Garden and recognised that she really felt an atmosphere of peace in the garden. The weather wasn't great, and we suggested that we go to a coffee shop nearby, but she insisted on continuing the visit. She stayed in the Peace Garden for over an hour and left with only just enough time to go to her next engagement in Watford.

The following Wednesday, the day when we always come to the Peace Garden to maintain the Garden, we met with Jeff and presented him his certificate. The Peace Garden is now fully recognised in Watford and Hertfordshire as a very special place. Various gatherings, vigils and prayers are held there, and people come to enjoy the beauty of nature and experience a time of tranquility and peace away from their busy lives.