

Frodsham Resident Tom Blundell is awarded the British Empire Medal

British Empire Medal

Civil Division

Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood

St. James's Palace, London SW1

31 December 2022

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the British Empire Medal (Civil Division) to the undermentioned:

B.E.M.

Thomas BLUNDELL

For services to the community in Frodsham, Cheshire.

Frodsham Resident Mr Tom Blundell is to be awarded the British Empire Medal, Civil Division, for services to nature in Frodsham for over three decades.



Tom Blundell, (pictured left) undertaking his typical activity of tree planting.

Mr Blundell was a Tree Warden and member of the Frodsham Town Council Tree Group and, in this capacity, was involved with the planting of the community orchards within Frodsham and the creation of the Marshlands Tree Garden. He was also one of the people involved in creating the 'Tree Trail' in Castle Park.

Tom was also a founding member of the Hob Hey Wood Friends Group, launched in 2018, which has planted over 1,000 trees. In 2021, the group oversaw the planting of an elm tree, resistant to Dutch elm disease, to provide a home for rare butterflies in Hob Hey Wood.

Mark O'Sullivan, Secretary of the Hob Hey Wood Friends Group, expressed his congratulations to Mr Blundell: "It is

wonderful news and so, so deserved as Tom has worked tirelessly for decades for nature in Frodsham."

Chair of Frodsham Town Council, Cllr Helen Hayes stated "Tom very much deserves this honour and I'm proud of his achievements within our town."

Tom was nominated for the Honours List after his son, and a friend, put Mr Blundell's name forward.

Tom, who is a very worthy recipient of this honour, will be presented with the medal by the Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire within the coming months.

You can view the original notice in The Gazette here: <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/notice/4247479>



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