

# Scout leader rewarded

A VETERAN Scout leader has been recognised for his work.

Brian Childs was named Suffolk Volunteer of the Year at the High Sheriff Awards for bringing scouting to Otley in 1975 and turning 1st Otley Scouts into a thriving troop.

Mr Childs, 63, a parish councillor of nearly 20 years, was chosen from 27 people, including runner-up Sheila Stokes for her commitment to St Elizabeth Hospice, and Lisa Collins for organising free school holiday events.

"I cannot emphasise how gracious the community of Otley has been in nominating me and how humbling it has been to have won," said Mr Childs, thanking wife Christine, group sponsors, and Otley community centre chairman Chris Taylor for submitting the nomination.

The awards were organised by The Suffolk Foundation, through which Otley scout group received funding donated by Ipswich Building Society.



**AWARD-GIVING:** Brian Childs, right, with the High Sheriff of Suffolk, Stephen Miles, left, and Paul Winter, chief executive of Ipswich Building Society, at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

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