

# Citizen Advocacy News

**BATI AS**  
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Welcome to our summer newsletter

## Shenfield Strawberry Fair

Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> June was a bright, sunny day, just right for a traditional summer fair on Shenfield Common. There were craft and plant stalls, falconry displays, donkey rides, a funfair and of course strawberries and cream!



This year Batias ran a book stall where books were kindly donated by people living in the Brentwood area. The stall was run with the help of 6 volunteers. We had a successful day raising money and gaining the interest of five possible new volunteers.

Our thanks go to everyone that helped to make the day such an enjoyable event.



Angie

Volunteer Co-ordinator

### Future events:

Basic First Aid

11th July



### July

Mountnessing Summer Fair **14th**

Queens Park Billericay **14th**

Ingatstone Summer Fair **21st**

Bas Fest Basildon **22nd**

Contact Erika on

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## High Sheriff Award by Carole Houghton

Angie and I felt very honoured that Fastina had nominated BATIAS for the High Sheriff award and so pleased that we had been short-listed.

It was a fantastic evening, so many Mayors and Mayoresses, Policemen and volunteers who give so much of their time to people in the local community.

All three of us held our breath when it came to announcing the winner of our particular section but with so many deserving charities it must have been very difficult to choose.

We received a certificate to mark the occasion and had a very memorable evening, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



## Promotional volunteering

I joined BATIAS having seen an advert to help support people with a learning disability. I was not sure what to do, as I had been a full time carer for my parents for a long while. Having given myself time to recuperate I realised it was time to get going again. I now needed to put my energies into something worth while. There were lots of ways I could choose to volunteer with BATIAS.



I went along to the Reading rooms in Billericay where there is a coffee morning each Wednesday morning to meet everyone; I help with making cups of coffee to encourage people to come in.

Having been a sales advisor in the past I decided to become a promotional volunteer. I approach local businesses explaining about the work of BATIAS and encourage them to make a donation and advertise the volunteering opportunities. I have had a good response from many local companies.

I find volunteering fun and challenging and when I see the people with a learning disability and their supporters I feel I belong to a worthwhile organisation.

Cathy

### Billericay Reading Rooms

We are holding joint coffee mornings with the Can-Do Circle on Wednesdays between 10am and 12 noon.

We have a number of volunteers who attend regularly and help with a range of activities.

Cooking, music, hand massage and craft work are just some of the activities the group have taken part in recently.



People who are out shopping pop in for a coffee and a chat and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Why not come along and join us.

Angie

### Yoga Workshop

28th July 2007



10.30am-2.30pm  
St. Martins Church Hall  
St. Martins Square  
Basildon

For more details about volunteering opportunities within BATIAS:



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