



DAW Lifetime Achievement Award

On reaching its 70th Anniversary, the Drama Association of Wales wanted to mark this auspicious occasion in an appropriate manner. It was decided that each of the Association's regional organisations would nominate an individual to be honoured with a presentation made at their respective regional one-act drama festival in recognition of their contribution to the amateur theatre movement in their area. An air of espionage surrounded each of the presentations as none of those honoured was to be told that they would be called to the stage during the awards ceremony at their festival to receive their award.

Each of the individuals was presented with an Honorary Life Membership of the Drama Association of Wales along with a handsome framed certificate recognising their tireless work for the sector. The Unsung Heroes recognised at each festival are listed here. The work they have contributed to the movement over the years is invaluable and testimony to the dedication alive in amateur theatre today:

- 2004 Angela Tidswell (Clwyd)
- 2004 David Lawrence (Glamorgan)
- 2004 Chris Harris (Gwent)
- 2004 Gerry Hopkins (Montgomeryshire)
- 2004 Anne Trew (Pembrokeshire)
- 2012 Gareth Gibbs (Glamorgan)
- 2013 Richard Brazier (Montgomeryshire) awarded posthumously
- 2014 Teri McCarthy (Glamorgan)
- 2015 Claire Jones (Gwent)
- 2016 Leigh Smailes (Pembrokeshire)

*Between 2012-2015 this award was named the Angela Tidswell Lifetime Achievement Award