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Charity volunteer announced as Surrey's Christmas Star

A local woman from Ripley in Surrey has been announced as Surrey's Christmas Star in recognition of the hard work she has completed for her local women's refuge.

White Lion Walk in Guildford invited local people to come forward with stories about the 'angels' in the area that deserved to be named as Surrey's Christmas Star. Madeleine Heslop, aged 27, was chosen for her dedication to helping others.

Throughout the last five years Madeleine has provided a gift for a number of women and children who are supported by her local refuge.

This year Madeleine has provided over 50 presents and aims to do the same for 2018. Each gift is personalised, wrapped and includes items such as books, drawing materials, cosmetics and toys.

Suzanne Heslop, who nominated Madeleine for the White Lion Walk Christmas Star Award, commented:

"Madeleine donates gifts every year out of the kindness of her heart. Everything she buys is completely funded by herself. The gifts are sent anonymously and I'm thrilled she is finally being recognised for her continued efforts by being crowned Surrey's Christmas star."

Steve Cotney, Centre Manager of White Lion Walk, added:

"Our Christmas Star award is all about recognising the achievements of the unsung heroes in our local community. We received some extremely heart-warming nominations and it was difficult choosing the winner but Madeleine's efforts and kindness stood out to all here at White Lion Walk and I would like to congratulate her once again for winning our Christmas Star award."



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