

# Aiden Murphy Trophy (Landowner Relations)

## **2015 Ian Martin (Western region and BBF LRO)**

Ian Martin managed Landowner Relations for the Western Region for very many years and is currently a map LRO. In a heavily flown area, this was a major task. Ian was key instigator of initiatives such as an active sensitive area review and removal process and also in developing the Western Region's "four colour" system for SAs, which helps provide more information to assist pilots' decision making.

Ian has also been the landowner relations coordinator for the Bristol Balloon Fiesta for the last ten years or more. This is another large and important task, to help ensure the big event does not have an impact of the flying area for the rest of the year. Ian has been able to bridge the gap between landowners and pilots and maintain the respect of both.

Ian is well known to the local National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association. Ian was awarded a BBAC Diploma for his work in Landowner Relations in 2005 and, ten years on, in recognition of his continuing long term and intense work in maintaining the best possible Landowner Relations in the Western Region, Ian has been nominated by the BBAC Main Committee for the National Landowner Relations Trophy.

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## **2018 Edward Lubbock**

Ed Lubbock has been BBAC Landowner Relations Officer for over ten years. This is a critical and often very difficult role and Ed has worked very hard over so many years. Often, the national LRO receives less cooperation from pilots, regions and others than would be reasonably respected and it takes a certain tenacity to continue in this often thankless role. The BBAC Landowner Relations trophy is only awarded when a truly deserving recipient is identified and Ed is a thoroughly deserving person to receive the award for 2018.

BBAC members may recall that the Landowner Relations Trophy was founded and donated by Aiden Murphy. As many of you will know, Aiden has been fighting cancer with a big public smiling face for several years. Sadly, he passed away in late February. In memory of Aiden, a great friend to many balloonists, the trophy will be renamed the Aiden Murphy Trophy henceforth.

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## **2020 Ian Crouch**

Services to Landowner relations – Has served as the Chiltern region LRO for 12 years, and as he is now stepping down it is time to recognise his contributions.

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## **2021 Barbara Moreton**

Barbara spent many years on the Western Region Committee coordinating landowner courses and relations. She shared a balloon called “red leader” with a syndicate. However probably her most prestigious achievements were being an official observer for David Hempleman-Adams record attempts. When she became an accredited observer, she took the role very seriously and produced a lot of fine work in the reports for each individual flight. She would make great folders of information including newspaper clippings and a lot of detail all typed out on an old typewriter. In

those days, photos tended to be just in print format - so at her house there are boxes of the stuff that needs to be gone through! She took such pride in writing observation reports and her and David had the most fun while on his adventures - she wouldn't let him get away with anything - if he said he reached 28,000ft on oxygen etc she would want proof, or it didn't happen. Barbara would also very much like her husband Noel to be remembered in all of this, though he is sadly no longer with us. He helped her gain her pilot's licence and was always there to help crew and fetch.

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## **2023 Martyn Jeynes**

Many will know Martyn from the Co-op Funeralcare days where he would always be on the field, tethering, regardless of what the weather had thrown at him, with his fantastic sense of humour to boot!

However, what many may not know is that he really is the unsung hero of the Midlands Air Festival when it comes to Landowner Relations. Martyn is extremely passionate about good relationships with landowners in the Midlands where he is the Landowner Relations Officer for the nine maps surrounding the event! For five years now, Martyn has written to, and visited annually, all landowners in the surrounding area ensuring they are aware of the event, swapping contact details and putting them at ease. Martyn also holds meetings with the Estate and Farm Manager to identify and confirm suitable landing spots on the Estate and also in the close proximity of the event, while ensuring livestock are moved upwind to reduce disruption to the day to day operations of the Estate. During the event, Martyn will brief all pilots on landing possibilities, before taking a VHF radio and heading out on the road to be with the balloons as they land so he is never far away, should his assistance be required. This year, Martyn had his work cut out with a number of small incidents, plus one very unhappy landowner, whom he spent six hours with the following day. But even with everything going on, he still had time to console a distraught member of crew, and continue to fervently encourage the events newest pilots and PUTs.

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