



## QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers who help the RUC GC Foundation have been recognised by an award from the Queen.

A total of 57 people have received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. They help the RUC GC Foundation manage the Police Memorial Garden at Police Headquarters, Brooklyn, Knock, Belfast, act as gardeners and tour guides and conduct interviews for the Oral History Project.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is considered as a group MBE and four people have been selected to receive their awards at Buckingham Palace later this year.

The Foundation Chairman, Jim McDonald, said he was delighted with the award for the volunteers.

"It is a recognition of the valuable work they do throughout the year," he said.

"Many of them have been volunteering their services for the past 10 years. It helps to keep them active within the wider policing family and make an important contribution to the community in general. They help maintain the garden and take visitors around the site. Another group of volunteers is in the process of doing interviews for the oral history project which will tell the story of the RUC GC and will be available in the Police Museum."

Since the Police Memorial Garden was opened in September 2003 it has been visited by 28,493 people.

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