



The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Preston  
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Dear Ela

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that your organisation, Cottam Society of St Vincent De Paul has been awarded the Mayor of Preston's Coronavirus Pandemic City Hero Award. The pandemic has been an incredibly difficult time for many of our residents but during this time we have also witnessed the great things that we can achieve when we come together as a community. Time and time again, community organisations and individuals have gone above and beyond to support their community and have played a vital role in supporting people in need.

We know that it isn't over yet, that the virus continues to circulate and we must all continue to do what we can to reduce the impact that it can have. However, Preston City Council is keen to ensure that community groups and individuals such as yours begin to receive the recognition you rightly deserve.

Over the next month, the Mayor of Preston will be making visits to present this award to a selection of organisations/individuals across the city. Whilst I would like to visit all groups, this will be impossible to achieve. We will therefore be selecting a cross section of groups for Mayoral visits and would be grateful if you could let us know by contacting [communityinvolvementteam@preston.gov.uk](mailto:communityinvolvementteam@preston.gov.uk) if you would like to be considered for a visit.

Social restrictions unfortunately prohibit us from bringing people together in the Town Hall, however we will review this over the forthcoming months and it is our hope that we will be able to see as many of you as possible in person.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Javed Iqbal, Mayor

Adrian Phillips, Chief Executive