

The Farnborough Society's Extra Mile Award 2013



Nominated by Brian Fyfe, the winner of The Farnborough Society's Extra Mile Award for 2013 is Woods the Butchers. Located half-way along Camp Road, North Camp, and instantly recognisable by the vintage delivery bicycle parked outside, Woods is an especially worthy winner because of the high quality of its products, its warm, friendly service, its extensive community involvement and its enormous generosity to local charities.

Owned by Master Butcher Rob Mussell for 21 years, Woods supplies locally-sourced, fully-traceable meat cut from whole carcasses and prepared by skilled staff to suit any requirements. In addition, there are prepared meats, delicatessen, freezer packs and barbecue packs. Their sausages have won multiple awards and they will make gluten free sausages and burgers to order.

Woods is a family business, established by Rob's father in 1976, with three generations currently working together. This perhaps explains the wonderfully warm atmosphere that makes each visit memorable and keeps loyal customers coming back year on year.

Rob makes no secret of the fact that he loves North Camp, and Woods is very much part of the community. They even have their own football team, whose familiar blue strip is well known to supporters of the Aldershot and District Sunday League.

Perhaps the most significant contribution that Woods makes to the community is their generous support of many local charities, including Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Help for Heroes and Christopher's Smile. Over the years, this support has made a huge difference locally, though it goes largely unacknowledged.

The Farnborough Society felt that the valuable contribution that Woods the Butchers makes to North Camp, and indeed Farnborough, should be recognised, so it was with great pleasure that Chairman Ted Gardner went along on the 18th December to present the Extra Mile Award to Rob, and to congratulate him and his remarkable team.

Woods the Butchers is well worth a visit. They are at 30 Camp Road. Or visit their website: www.woodsbutchers.com