

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2017

### RAVI RAVEENDRAN

- Last year the West End Village Society (WEVS) had as its Project of the year, the planting of daffodil and crocus bulbs alongside many of the roads in the village.
- This project was led by Ravi, who put hours and hours of his spare time into it.
- He researched the type of bulbs, where to source them and where to plant them. Then he set about obtaining the necessary permission, where required, to plant them, a task that was not straight forward where dealing with Surrey Highways was concerned, it took a great deal of effort to achieve.
- Agreement with Surrey County Council and the parish council where to plant the bulbs
- Then there was the fund-raising required to actually buy the bulbs (which by the way, he had to store in his garage and house)
- Fund raising started at the Ag and Hort Show, Sep 16 with the aim to buy 9000 spring bulbs.
- Donations from the parish council, local societies and business community including Highwood Construction (nursing home)
- Exceeded original target of £600 therefore able to double the bulbs
- Raised nearly £2,800
- Great community involvement with planting over four weekends starting at the end of October
- In total 11,000 daffodils were planted and 7000 crocuses
- Also editor of the WEVS magazine
- Instrumental in getting a new bench on New England Hill
- Without Ravi's massive effort on this task, this legacy project, which is on-going, would never have happened.
- The time, effort and pure dedication Ravi has put into this project, even apart from his wider input to West End via WEVS, makes him a deserving winner of this award.



