


VIDEO – Three British Empire Medals awarded in Edinburgh today



Three Edinburgh volunteers have been presented with the British Empire Medal today in recognition of their dedication to caring and volunteering and for their communities.

The Lord Provost, acting as the Queen's representative for the City of Edinburgh, presented the medals to the three female recipients from the Queen's New Year's Honours List at a special ceremony at the Capital's City Chambers.

The 2014 recipients are Mrs Jeanette Agnes Barton for services to Community Care, Mrs Margaret Collinson for Voluntary Service in Edinburgh, and Mrs Elizabeth Agnes Macdonald for service to NHS Medic 1 Trust.

 The British Empire Medal is awarded for a sustained, local contribution of innovative, high-impact work worthy of recognition by the Crown. Awarded from 1922 until 1992, it was brought back in June 2012 in celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Donald Wilson, said: "It is my honour and privilege to bestow, on the Queen's behalf, the British Empire Medal to these very worthy recipients.

"Each of these women are inspirational role models for our city, proving that hard working and caring volunteers are at the heart of building positivity within communities."