

## NEWS

## QUEEN'S AWARD

# Charity receives highest honour

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**A voluntary group from Warwick has been presented with the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.**

Safeline, which works in the community to prevent sexual abuse and rape and support those affected by it, was presented the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire Timothy Cox at a ceremony in Warwick on September 18.

The charity has been playing a critical role for 20 years in providing long-term, specialist support to victims of sexual abuse and rape across Warwickshire.

Di Shoreman, the founder of Safeline who received the award on behalf of the charity, said: "We feel very honoured and privileged to have been recognised in this way.

"It is wonderful recognition for the work we do and for everyone associated with our charity; the survivors we support; our volunteers, our staff and trustees, and the hundreds of people and organisations that support us either financially or by committing their time to make a difference to someone's life.

"Sexual abuse and rape is a very difficult subject and unfortunately it is prevalent



Safeline founder Di Shoreman receives the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire Timothy Cox.

within our communities and so the need for organisations like ours is greater than it has ever been.

"Hopefully this award will raise public awareness of the charity and encourage people to turn to us for support knowing they will be believed, trusted and listened to."

Safeline was one of 187 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to re-

ceive the award this year.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work in their communities.

For more information on Safeline and its work visit its website [www.safeline.org.uk](http://www.safeline.org.uk)

Its freephone helpline is available in the evenings on 0300 1232028.

## POLICE

## Police renew their appeal to find missing Leamington man

Warwickshire Police have renewed their appeal to find 43-year-old Leamington man Sanjiv Kundi who went missing two years ago.

Mr Kundi was reported missing on October 15 in 2013.

He had travelled to Paris by Eurostar on the 4.22pm train from St Pancras and was last seen at the Gare du Nord on September 25 in 2013.

He is described as an Asian male, about 6'2" tall, large build with short, dark grey, curly hair and a beard which

is also greying.

He wears spectacles, and his clothing on the day was a brown heavy length coat and brown cargo trousers.

The family will be putting up an award to anyone who can provide information that will ensure Sanjiv is returned home safe and well.

All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Contact Warwickshire Police on 101 or, from outside the United Kingdom, 00 44 1926 415000.



Still missing: Sanjiv Kundi

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