

No 10 reception for Blacon Big Society Award winners.

A group of four from Blacon were entertained by Prime Minister David Cameron in December 2011 after winning the Big Society Award.

As part of a full day of activities volunteers and staff members from Blacon Community Trust (BCT) and Sustainable Blacon Ltd (SBL) received a hospitable welcome from Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, and joined him in discussions at the HM Treasury Building in Horse Guards. This was followed by a reception at, No 10 with the Prime Minister.



Andy Collins from Kids Community Club (KCC), Tricia Jones a local volunteer, Stephen Perry Chair of SBL and Clare Babbs the Chair of the Trust meet Prime Minister David Cameron at No 10

‘It was a great opportunity to tell the Prime Minister about all of the wonderful work that BCT and SBL does in Blacon and beyond’ said Clare Babbs, Chair of Blacon Community Trust. ‘It was an amazing experience being entertained in the state rooms at No 10 and meeting ministers and other famous people at the reception’.



Andy Collins, one of the members of staff in BCT’s Kids Club said ‘I really enjoyed the experience. It was a long day and we all felt shattered but we got the chance to talk to the PM about the value of the work that we do in Blacon with children and families and you don’t get many of those opportunities in your life!’

Stephen Perry, Chair of Sustainable Blacon Ltd said 'The award was actually presented to BCT and SBL at our Sustainability Convention in November. Andrew Stunell, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at Communities and Local Government presented it on behalf of the PM. We didn't think that we would get a chance to meet the PM. He was genuinely interested in our programme and how we are engaging local people and helping them make a sustainable difference to their local environment.'



Tricia Jones added. 'We had a fantastic day. Downing St. looked really festive with its huge Christmas tree and No 10 is a fabulous building. I wasn't star struck though and made it my mission to let everyone I met know how valuable and valued the work of BCT is to all those who use our services. BCT and SBL should be rightly proud of this national recognition. Well done Blacon!'

Clare Babbs concluded by saying 'BCT delivers a number of very high quality services. We're not only recognised by the PM but also by Ofsted and others. If you are interested in volunteering for a great charity view our website – www.blacon.org.uk'

