

So often we hear only the bad news stories about youth and the heart-warming Young Citizen stories are a real indicator that the negative messages are very much in the minority in Redbridge



A right Royal occasion for determined Hafsa

Nomination for cub scout who met Duchess

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A nine-year-old Cub Scout who presented flowers to the Duchess of Cambridge and who walked 14 miles for charity, has been nominated for our Young Citizen Award.

Hafsa Gachi, of the 7th Goodmayes Scouts group, was picked to meet the Duchess at Windsor Castle last month because of her good behaviour and attendance and shared a few words with the mum-to-be.

The day before, the pupil at Al-Noor Primary School in Green Lane, Goodmayes,



showed bundles of spirit in joining older girls in a long trek from Hainault to Barkingside to help the Mayor of Redbridge's Appeal, despite the fact she was limping.

She has been nominated for the Recorder/Redbridge Rotary Club award, sponsored by the Exchange Ilford shopping centre.

Hafsa, who lives in Sand-

hurst Drive, Goodmayes, took on the walking challenge with girl Scouts because her mum Sabrina Mansoor was on it, even though the other Cubs walked 12 miles.

The youngster said: "It was tiring but it was fun."

Feisty

Fareena Aslam, her Scout leader, said: "The feisty determination Hafsa showed in her bid to complete the whole walk and not give in was unprecedented and very impressive."

The group raised more than £2,000 for the Redbridge Carers Support Service and Redbridge Mencap, the two causes chosen by Cllr Muhammed Javed, the Mayor of Redbridge.



■ Hafsa Gachi, nine, chatted to the Duchess of Cambridge

Well-behaved members of her Cub pack were picked to be in with a chance of meeting the Duchess and lucky Hafsa then found her name was drawn out of a hat.

The wife of Prince William asked her if she had been to the castle before.

Hafsa said: "I said I hadn't been there before and I liked it a lot. It is really beautiful."

Marc Myers, general manager of Exchange Ilford shopping centre

How to nominate

The Recorder/Redbridge Rotary Club Young Citizen Award aims to find people aged 25 and under who deserve to be commended for their contributions to the community.

Each month, a winner will be chosen for the award, sponsored by The Exchange Ilford and will receive £40 to spend at The Exchange Ilford retailer of their choice.

An overall winner will then be chosen next year and will receive £400 to spend.

To nominate a Redbridge youngster, fill in the coupon and send it to the Recorder, or alternatively email alistair.kleebauer@archant.co.uk.

Recorder/Rotary Club Young Citizen Award

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Age of nominee.....
Nominee's Phone number.....
Name of person nominating.....

Please attach a statement supporting your nomination of not more than 150 words with this coupon to Young Citizen Award, c/o Zjan Shirinian, Ilford Recorder, 539 High Road Ilford IG1 1UD



Walking for charity is Tarun's super power

Last year's winner of the Young Citizen Award has shown no signs of slowing down in his fundraising efforts and has just completed a 20km charity walk, despite planning to do only 10km.

Tarun Odedra, 11, of Ram-

sgill Drive, Newbury Park, was picked from all the monthly nominees in 2012 because he has been doing the challenging walks since the age of two.

Last month, he tackled a trek in Neasden and raised

£446 for international cause BAPS Charities and KIDS, the disabled children's charity, doing twice the distance he had planned. He said: "When you do it for charity, it gives you some sort of super power."

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