

Torness officers raise funds to remember much loved local resident

News story

Officers based at Torness Operational Policing Unit (OPU), along with other community members, have raised funds to refurbish a bench and dedicate it to the memory of a much loved and respected member of the community.



John Hubball ran the village shop in Cockburnspath before sadly passing away in 2019 at the age of 58. John was a well-known and much-respected member of the community and Torness officers frequently interacted with him during their patrols.

PC Stuart Boyd, community liaison at Torness OPU, organised a fundraiser for John's wife Sandra so that a bench, which had sat outside his shop for many years, could be dedicated to his memory. Thanks to their fundraising efforts, a plaque has now been added to the bench in John's memory, with the local community council and Torness CNC also mentioned on it in thanks for their fundraising.

The plaque was unveiled on 29 October 2020 and PC Boyd attended on behalf of the CNC. He said: "I was proud to have attended the unveiling on behalf of the officers and staff from the Torness OPU who all supported this worthy cause of remembrance.

"John was a much loved and respected member of this community who went about his work with skill, diligence and always had a laugh and a joke along the way. It is our pleasure to support the communities of Cockburnspath, Innerwick and Dunglass in whatever way we can and we are pleased that there is now a permanent memorial to John. Our deepest condolences remain with his wife Sandra and his surviving family.

"Community policing is a very important aspect of our role in protecting the public and the nuclear site. With good community relations comes co-operation, trust and respect and I am proud to be our local community liaison officer."

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