



Citation for
THE KING EDWARD VII CUP

awarded in 1996 to
BRIAN MORRISSEY OBE QPM
The Royal Life Saving Society, United Kingdom

Brian Morrissey joined Portsmouth City Police in 1935 when he was required to obtain a Life Saving Bronze Medallion and he has since been associated with the Royal Life Saving Society, United Kingdom Branch, for over 60 years.

After the war Mr. Morrissey took an active role in the administration of Police life saving and the organisation of competitions. He was elected to the Police Championships Committee, and was its Chairman for eight years.

He rose rapidly to the rank of Assistant Chief Constable in the Hampshire Constabulary subsequently becoming Secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers.

Within the United Kingdom, Mr. Morrissey saw that there was a need for greater cohesion and assisted with the formation of Branches into Regions; and in 1971 he was appointed Chairman of the newly formed South Region.

Shortly afterwards he was appointed to the National Executive of the United Kingdom Branch becoming its Chairman in 1978, an office he was to hold for 13 years. He assisted in the move of the Society's Headquarters from London to Mountbatten House, Studley, Warwickshire and following major alterations in 1981 he was honoured to welcome HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to officially open the new premises.

Since that time he has played a principal role in leading the United Kingdom Branch and expanding its teaching influence. He has proved a truly inspirational leader and a natural motivator.

In 1991 he retired as Chairman of the United Kingdom Branch and they could find no greater honour than to appoint him as their first Honorary President. He continues to offer wise counsel and guidance.

For his outstanding contribution to the United Kingdom Branch over 60 years, Brian Morrissey, OBE QPM, is awarded the King Edward VII Cup.

Her Majesty The Queen presented the King Edward VII Cup to Mr. Brian Morrissey at Buckingham Palace on the 30th May, 1996 at the Reception for Commonwealth Conference Delegates and Guests.