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Five listed in Queen's Birthday honours

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Includes party agent and cycling stalwart

A 'TIRELESS sporting volunteer' who helped launch the career of a British Olympic gold medalist in Welwyn was among a group of *Times Terriory* people honoured by the Queen.

Peter Waghorn, who was chairman of



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Welwyn Wheelers Cycling Club for 50 years, will be presented with an MBE after being named in the monarch's Birthday Honours list.

Also picking up commendations were John Northcott, who was given an MBE for voluntary work, an award also given to construction training scheme Water-safe's chairman Christopher Sneath.

And Pamela Eldridge was recognised for her work on fostering panels in Hertfordshire.

Jonny Ball, Welwyn Hatfield MP Grant Shapps' constituency agent, also received a Commander Land Forces commendation, in recognition for his work in Afghanistan.

Mr Waghorn, 80, only stepped down as Welwyn Wheelers chairman this year.

The club helped nurture double Olympic gold-winning cyclist Laura Trott, who took to Twitter on Saturday to say: "Just found out Peter Waghorn from Welwyn wheelers has received an MBE! Legend! Made welwyn wheelers what it is today!"

Howard Ashmore, current chairman for the club, said: "Peter has been a tireless sporting volunteer in both cycling and sailing where he was the Commo-

dore of the Grafham Water Sailing Club for many years and his award is proper recognition of his contribution to both sports"

John Northcott, of Brookmans Avenue, Brookmans Park, was also honoured with an MBE for his voluntary work.

He is the current chairman of the Northcott Foundation, set up by his father Walter, which aims to benefit the



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Church of England.

They have given thousands of pounds to the All Hallows by the Tower Church, in London, over the years.

He said he was 'delighted' with the honour.

Watersafe chairman Christopher Sneath received his MBE for services to the Plumbing and Heating Industry.

Mr Sneath was a former governor at Mount Grace School, in Church Road, Potters Bar.

Headteacher Peter Baker said: "He was a valued member of the governing body and played a full part in the work of the school.

"We are pleased he has received an award in the Queen's Honour List."

Mr Ball, whose award was announced on Saturday, said: "I'm massively surprised to have received the phone call telling me of this award, but it goes to show the recognition is there for reservists giving up their careers and seamlessly fitting in to demanding roles within the regular army.

"I owe much of this to the support that I received from my family and think about my friend at this time, fellow linguist Squadron Leader Anthony Down-



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ing, who sadly didn't make it home."

A British Empire Medal was awarded to Pamela Eldridge, an independent member on fostering panels for Hertfordshire social services, for services to children and families.



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