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IAgrE Branch Meritorious Award

Mike Stephenson

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Mike has served on the South East Midlands Branch committee since at least 2004.

During that time, he has made a considerable contribution to the running of the Branch. Other than for a short spell when he was in ill-health, he has attended every committee meeting and contributed to the organisation of at least 12 technical meetings and visits. Of note amongst the latter were a demonstration of amenity equipment at a local cricket club, insights into the National Sprayer Testing Scheme at St Neots and most recently a well-attended visit to the Perkins factory in Peterborough. Mike managed to arrange a visit within the factory that other groups rarely have the chance of seeing, namely the live engine testing centre.

His input in these respects continues with plans for a meeting on farm safety and the forensics involved in determining the cause of accidents.

He has also attended practically every technical meeting, both before and after he joined the committee and has provided a positive presence on every occasion, including chairing on some occasions.

He has contributed to the judging of student presentations at the Branch's AGMs, when 4 or 5 students are invited to compete with presentations about their research work.

Overall, Mike has been one of the most valuable members of the committee and will be sorely missed when he moves out of the area at the end of this year.

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