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## The Branch Meritorious Award

## David Yates

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When Richard Trevarthan stepped down after many years, no-one stepped in to take over. David organised an initial meeting and we formed a management group rather than the traditional branch structure. Each person takes responsibility for the meeting they propose, and David, with help from the Secretariat, coordinates and sends out reminders etc. It has worked well and we have had a number of well- attended meetings.

Again, this year we have no volunteers to take over, so David has agreed to do another year.

In addition to supporting the Branch and encouraging the younger members, hosting an evening at his business, he is active in many local shows and societies', including Southwell ploughing match and Hoveringham Show.

There was a real risk of the East Midlands Branch folding, and it lives on due to David and his hard work.

The East Midlands Branch propose this award for David and thank him for his intervention.