



**Pregnancy, baby and child bereavement heroes from across the country were honoured for their dedication and support at glamorous Mariposa Ball in London.**

The Mariposa Awards, which are now in their fifth year, and are run by leading baby loss support charity, The Mariposa Trust, took place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at the glamorous 5\* Landmark Hotel in Marylebone as part of the charity's annual ball.

The awards look for midwives, nurses, bereavement midwives, doctors and community members who have gone above and beyond in the care and support that they have provided for people who have experienced baby loss.

The Mariposa Trust provides free support to people affected by baby loss, pregnancy after baby loss, fertility, adoption and more. The Trust has become the leading support charity in this field, reaching over 50,000 people a week.

Charity Founder and CEO Zoe Clark-Coates MBE said "Heartbreakingly, **around 700** babies die everyday in the UK, whether that's in pregnancy, birth or infancy and our awards are a chance for parents to show their gratitude to those individuals who helped them navigate one of life's toughest challenges. Despite baby loss affecting so many each year, it is still not widely spoken about which can leave families struggling for support, but our wonderful winners and nominees are a lifeline to grieving parents and families at a time that can feel so isolating and that's why we want to celebrate them."

The evening was hosted by actress and presenter Kym Marsh, and saw a packed programme filled with amazing food, fabulous entertainment and live auctions raising vital funds to support the charity's work.

The 2022 awards, were led by Kym with a host of celebrity supporters and ambassadors presenting the awards, including Rio & Kate Ferdinand, 'Made in Chelsea' star Louise Thompson, 'This Morning' doctor Larisa Corda, Sky Sports James Green, and the Chief Midwife of England, Professor Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE.

**James had this to say, "It was an honour to be asked to present two of the Mariposa Awards this year. Having experienced baby loss personally, I am all too aware of the need for compassionate care and support, which is something exemplified by the nominees and winners of the 2022 awards."**

The 2022 Awards were presented to:

**The Archie Bereavement Professional of the Year 2022**

This award recognises excellence in care from a bereavement specialist, and was **presented by Kym Marsh**.

- Winner – Hannah Maskell
- Special Recognition – Nicola Klein

## **The Arlo Award**

In memory of Arlo Mallen, who sadly passed away in 2021, this award is for a medical practitioner who has gone above and beyond in the level of care they have provided. This award was **presented by Louise Thompson**.

- Winner – Alison Price
- Special Recognition – Sian Mounsey

## **The Community Award**

This award is for someone in the community who has supported someone through baby loss. This award was **presented by Dr Larisa Corda**.

- Winner – Brian Plimbley and Mary Leighton, Hope House Hospice
- Special Recognition – Chantelle & Jonathan Cross

## **The Compassion Award**

This award recognises compassionate care. This was **presented by Professor Nick Harding OBE**, one of the award judges.

- Winner – Oonagh Pickering
- Special Recognition – Dr Sima Delavari & Jen Davis

## **The Lifetime Achievement Award**

This special award looks to recognise a medical professional who has devoted their life to the care, and support of the bereaved. This award was **presented by Andrew Clark-Coates**, Founder and CEO of the Mariposa Trust

- Winner – Samantha Collinge

## **The Fertility Champion Award**

This award is for a true fertility champion, who has excelled in caring and guiding for people through the difficult journey of fertility. This was **presented by James Green**.

- Winner – Dr Shabana Bora
- Special Recognition – Miss Neelam Potdar

## **Above & Beyond Award**

The above and beyond award looks to acknowledge the exceptional hard work of an individual, above and beyond what is expected. **Presented by Zoe Clark-Coates MBE**, Founder and CEO of the Mariposa Awards.

- Winner – Joe Fielder

## **Fundraiser of the Year Award**

This award recognises the incredible efforts of an individual, couple or family who have taken on the mission of fundraising for the charity. **Presented by Rio and Kate Ferdinand** (Charity Ambassador).

- Winner – Ellie and Jake Mallen

## **Bereavement Midwife of the Year 2022**

This award looks to find the best bereavement midwife. **Presented by Prof Jacqueline Dunkley-Bent OBE** (Charity Ambassador), Chief Midwife of England and one of the award judges.

- Winner – Charlotte Mutton
- Special Recognition – Jo Unsworth and Anna Stewart

## **Special Recognition Awards**

In recognition of their outstanding contribution, awards were also presented to the following individuals:

- Dr Paul Woollett,
- Amanda Cushing,
- Kam Singh,
- Lynn Borthwick,
- Sharon Hurst,
- Medan Dibden,
- Ali Brett,
- Kelly Harris,
- Christie-Ann Lang,
- Rebekah Walsh,
- Jennifer Wallington,
- Julie Stewart,
- Rhian Morris.

Zoe continues “We know there are so many more unsung heroes supporting those who are grieving and challenging the taboo when it comes to talking about baby loss so if you know someone who should be recognised, please head to our website and nominate someone for the 2023 awards that are now open.”

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More information on the charity can be found at [www.mariposatrust.org](http://www.mariposatrust.org) and via [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org). The charity has multiple social media pages, and can be followed on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/sayinggoodbyeuk](https://www.facebook.com/sayinggoodbyeuk) and on Twitter @SayingGoodbyeUK.

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### **Editors Notes (not for public release):**

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