

## Winners of the Belper Cup, the Adjudicator's Special Award

The cup was originally donated by Lady Belper, Angela Tollemarche, and was used in a festival organised by Ericsons. Nanda used it initially for the Runners Up trophy and then the Group Most Worthy of Encouragement. Since 1988 it has been awarded entirely at the adjudicators discretion.

- 2025 Spotlight Theatre for excellence across the board in 'Cinderella'
- 2024 Bingham Musical Theatre Company for excellent use of print and digital media
- 2023 The Ladies of Knapely WI for teamwork in Blind Eye Productions' 'Calendar Girls'
- 2022 Blind Eye Productions, brave choice of play and excellent teamwork, 'The Three Musketeers'
- 2021 No competition
- 2020 West Bridgford DS, totally out of their comfort zone with 'Midsummer Night's Dream'
- 2019 Argent Theatre for 'Brassed Off'
- 2018 Bingham Musical Theatre Group for achieving the almost impossible with 'Cinderella'
- 2017 Ben Thomas and Steve Cutler for the quality of Whetstone Drama Group's programmes
- 2016 Phil Hawes and Bethany Allen for fully engaging the audience in Ratcliffe's 'Educating Rita'
- 2015 West Bridgford Dramatic Society for diversity and inclusion in the Studio Theatre
- 2014 Chantelle Thornley for production enterprise with Theatre Imp's 'Irena's Vow'
- 2013 Aaron Connelly and Conrad Duncan for quality of their youth performance at Lace Market
- 2012 Bonington Players for forward-looking technology and effects in 'Shakers Re-stirred'
- 2011 Lowdham Players for community involvement in 'Jack and the Beanstalk'
- 2010 Jo Kowalski of Bonington Players for her first time as director with 'Katherine Howard'
- 2009 Orchard Theatre Company for company teamwork in 'Neville's Island'
- 2008 West Bridgford Dramatic Society for their body of work in the season
- 2007 Dukeries Theatre Group for 'Billy Liar'
- 2006 Tony Breeze of Burton Joyce Players for 'The Eckersley Rising'
- 2005 Beryl Hoyle of West Bridgford Dramatic Society for playing Doris in 'A Night on the Tiles'
- 2004 Burton Joyce Players for taking a calculated risk with a new writer with 'Independent Street'
- 2003 West Bridgford Dramatic Society for taking risks with 'Death and the Maiden'
- 2002 Ravenshead Theatre Group for imaginative use of the auditorium in 'Dangerous Corner'
- 2001 Mapperly Mavericks for original writing by Tony Breeze in 'Harry's Bird'
- 2000 Blaby Drama Group for 'Habeas Corpus'
- 1999 Keyworth Dramatic Society for involving whole village in 'A Christmas Carol'
- 1998 Blaby Drama Group for 'Play On'
- Bonington Players for 'The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole'
- 1997 Kegworth Players Innovative use of the inhospitable
- 1996 Karl Nixon of Blaby Drama Group for his portrayal of Adrian Mole
- 1995 Riverside Drama Company for 'Murdered to Death'
- 1994 Bonington Players for originality with 'The Last Pantosaurus'
- 1993 East Bridgford Drama Group for 'Dead of Night'
- 1992 Bramcote and Stanton Drama Group for atmosphere and development of young players
- 1991 Kegworth Players for ensemble and teamwork in 'Noises Off'
- 1990 Simon Ellis of Burton Joyce Players for original writing in 'Tattered Coats'
- 1989 Bramcote and Stanton Drama Group for teamwork
- 1988 The No Name Group for bringing drama to deprived youngsters
- 1987 The Seven Players in the Company for 'The Seven Players in the Company'
- 1986 Bramcote and Stanton Drama Group
- 1985 Southwell Theatre Club

1984 Freda Burke of St John's Church Dramatic Society  
1983 Co-operative Arts Theatre Junior Group  
1982 Penny Kimmins of Keyworth Dramatic Society .  
1982 Ted Bennett of Roclaveston Players  
1981 St Mary's Drama Group  
1980 West Bridgford Dramatic Society  
1979 Wollaton Drama Group  
1978 Burton Joyce Players for 'Diary of Anne Frank'  
1977 Southwell Theatre Club  
1976 Bramcote Hills Drama Group for 'The Restoration of Arnold Middleton'  
Wollaton Drama Group  
1975 St John's Church Dramatic Society for 'Suddenly at Home'  
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1973 Bonington Players for 'A Christmas Carol'  
1972 Hucknall Dramatic Society  
1971 Wollaton Drama Group  
1970 Huthwaite Amateur Players  
1969 Forest Theatre Company  
1968 Bonington Players  
1967 St John's Church Dramatic Society Burton Joyce Players  
1966 St John's Church Dramatic Society  
1965 All Hallows ADS  
1964 Arcade Players