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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to approve the publication in *The London Gazette* of the names of those shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for Bravery.

Queen's Commendation for Bravery

Nigel GALLIMORE. Civilian.

For his actions in rescuing two people from a light aircraft which had crashed.

Nigel Gallimore was visiting a theme park on 28 August 2004 with his family when his attention was drawn to a light aircraft which had just taken off from Bournemouth International Airport and was flying low about 20 yards from the park. One wheel of the aircraft clipped a fence causing the plane to bounce and cartwheel along the ground before coming to a halt in a ball of flames. Mr Gallimore immediately ran forward, climbed the fence and ran down an embankment to the crash site. When he reached the aircraft his vision was briefly blocked by the smoke. The plane was in flames and as he ran down the aircraft's side he saw one man trying to escape from the front window and he, and another passer-by, pulled the man from the plane and carried him down the short slope to a pavement. He then saw another man trying to escape and returned to help him, carrying him to safety by which time he had collapsed. There was then another explosion from the plane and he decided to move one of the survivors across the road to a grass verge further away from the burning aircraft. He then asked the first survivor

if there was anyone else in the plane and was told there was a third person still trapped in the rear seat. Mr Gallimore ran back to see if he could help but the flames were too intense and the man died at the scene.

(The passer-by who also helped declined to be named).

Maurice KITCHEN. Lately Reserve Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

For his actions apprehending an armed robber in Belfast.

At about 2000 hours on Thursday 13 March 2003 Constable Kitchen was driving his car in a suburb of Belfast accompanied by his daughter who wanted to buy some items from a local shop. His daughter approached the shop but the security man told her not to go in as there was a man inside with a gun. The girl looked in to the shop and saw the man pointing a gun at the assistant's head. She ran back and told her father what was happening. Constable Kitchen approached the shop and through the window saw the robber pointing the handgun at the staff. Constable Kitchen then picked up a large red bin sitting on the footpath. As soon as the robber turned to come out of the shop Constable Kitchen entered with the bin in front of him and pushed him backwards into a corner. The robber, with his back against the wall, struck Constable Kitchen on the forehead with his gun but he was pulled to the floor. The security man joined in and the robber was secured. The robber received a three year prison sentence and was placed on probation for 18 months.

Samuel Roger SMYTH, Constable, Police Service of Northern Ireland.

For his actions in apprehending an armed man who, with an acquaintance, hijacked a bus in Belfast.

On Monday 12 August 2002 at about 0730 two men, one armed with a handgun, hijacked a bus in Belfast. The