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*Dear Lucy*

I would be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all the staff at the IDeA that were involved in this year's Beacon Awards Ceremony. It was a spectacular occasion that exceeded my expectations and cast the Beacon Scheme in a very positive light. My Ministerial colleagues and Peter Housden were also very impressed by the scale of the event and felt privileged to be a part of it.

It is clear that the event was founded on many months of hard work and I am very grateful for the IDeA's huge contribution in organising the celebration, bringing round 9 to a successful conclusion and initiating round 10. I know that both the IDeA Beacons team (John Hayes, Ruby Dixon, Julie James, Jenny Rhoden, Hilary Tanner and many others) and IDeA Events Executive (Julie Taylor and Jo Stapley) both played an absolutely vital role in ensuring the success of the event, I'm just sorry that I was whisked away to vote without having a chance to thank them all personally.

I understand it will be an even bigger and more spectacular event next year, that's quite a challenge! I look forward to being a part of it.

*My best wishes,*

*Parmjit*

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