

At last, recognition for Bevin Boys

TWENTY-SEVEN "Bevin Boys", who worked in Britain's coal mines during World War II received commemorative badges from Gordon Brown yesterday.

The importance of the contribution by the "Boys" who helped ease the UK's severe shortage of coal, has never before been formally recognised.

Mr Brown told them: "I'm sorry, in a way, it's taken until now to recognise your service, but it's right that we do so and it's right that we remember everything you've done."

Sir Jimmy Savile was among those receiving the award, inset, at Downing Street.

