

Nomination Guidance

Young Achiever Award

A young person (aged 18 and under) who has made an exceptional contribution to their community.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they:

- Are a young carer
- Coach, officiate or support a sports club or organisation
- Are committed to a voluntary project
- Support their neighbours
- Fundraise for local charities
- Support others in need
- Look after their local environment

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter someone for the Young Achiever Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- Must be aged 18 or under at the time of the application
- Must live or volunteer in South Norfolk

Community Organisation of the Year

A community organisation who has made a significant impact to the community.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because the organisation is:

- Providing support at the heart of its community
- Providing a vital service accessible to all members of the community
- Having a positive impact on the lives of the people living in that community

A community organisation could include but isn't limited to; community cafe's, foodbanks, community fridges, community groups, mutual aid groups, local charities, social and community enterprises, community centres, village halls and youth clubs

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter an organisation for the Community Organisation of the Year Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The organisation must be based in South Norfolk
- The organisation can also be a Community Interest Companies (CIC), a Company Ltd by Guarantee with Charitable Status (CLG), a Community Benefit Society (CBS) or Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Business in the Community Award

A local business or commercial organisation that has gone above and beyond to support the local community.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because the business is involved in the community by:

- Providing support to its community
- Providing a vital service accessible to all members of the community
- Having a positive impact on the lives of the people living in their community
- Championing environmental projects within their community
- Sponsor or fund a community-led project
- Support a local charity or community event

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter an organisation for the Business in the Community Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The organisation must be based or operate in South Norfolk
- The business can be a Sole Trader, Partnership, Limited Company (Ltd) or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
- The business must be paying and up to date with their business rates

Volunteer of the Year

An individual who selflessly devotes their time and energy to the community.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they:

- Are committed to a voluntary project or charitable organisation
- Support their neighbours
- Fundraise for local charities
- Support others in need
- Look after their local environment
- Organise community events

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter someone for the Volunteer of the Year Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- Must live or volunteer in South Norfolk

Environmental Champion Award

An individual, school or community organisation who has made an extra effort to have a positive impact on the environment.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they are:

- Having a positive impact on the environment in their community
- Litter picking in community green spaces
- Preserving the heritage of land and buildings
- Educating others on nature and the environment
- Reducing their waste materials by upcycling or recycling
- Actively promotes conservation in their local area

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter an individual, school or community organisation for the Environmental Champion Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The individual, school or community organisation must reside or operate in South Norfolk.

Connecting Communities Award

An individual, school or community organisation that has gone out of their way to encourage communities to come together and promote inclusivity.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they are:

- Having a positive impact on the lives of the people living in the community
- Supporting groups or projects who bring people of different backgrounds together
- Creating spaces for people in the community to be able to engage with others
- Building community cohesion between people from different backgrounds within a community
- Breaking down barriers between individuals and groups in the community
- Educating and encouraging communities to come together

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter an individual, school or community organisation for the Connecting Communities Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The individual, school or community organisation must reside or operate in South Norfolk

Lifetime Achievement Award

A person who has dedicated over 20 years of their life to the community, volunteering for the benefit of others and deserves special recognition for their efforts and commitment.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they have:

- Committed over 20 years to voluntary projects, charitable organisations or community groups
- Continually supported one or more community projects and/or events
- Had a positive impact on their community e.g. supporting a neighbour, shopping for those that are vulnerable or looking after their environment

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter someone for the Lifetime Achievement Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- Must live or volunteer in South Norfolk

Town or Parish Councillor of the Year

A Town or Parish Councillor within the South Norfolk District that has shown commitment and service to their community.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they are:

- Having a positive impact on the lives of the people living in the community
- Delivering and coordinating services to meet local need and improve quality of life in the Town or Parish
- Organising inclusive community events
- Reactive in preventing and responding to local alerts e.g. maintaining defibrillators after use or extreme weather impacts
- Providing local facilities and amenities to the community
- Leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop
- Showing innovation in how their role can support the community

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter a Town or Parish Councillor into the Town or Parish Councillor of the Year Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The Town or Parish Councillor must be based in the South Norfolk District
- The Town or Parish Councillor may be active or recently retired from service
- Applications will also be accepted from Parish Meetings

Healthy & Active Award

An individual, school or community organisation that has gone above and beyond in facilitating healthy and active lifestyles.

Nomination Criteria

This could be because they are:

- Having a positive impact on the health of the people living in the community
- Supporting groups or projects who keep people healthy and active
- Creating spaces for all people in the community to be healthy and active
- Breaking down barriers to get new people involved in healthy activities
- Supporting people to improve their mental wellbeing

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to enter an individual, school or community organisation for the Healthy and Active Award the following eligibility criteria applies:

- The individual, school or community organisation must reside or operate in South Norfolk.