

South Norfolk Community Awards 2019

Nominations open 18 February 2019 and close 28 April 2019

Nominations can be made online using our form which can be found here: www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/champions

Or nominations can be made over the phone by calling 01508 533945.

There are no restrictions to the amount of nominations one person can make.

In line with GDPR, the information supplied through the nomination is treated in confidence and only used by those who take part in the administration and adjudication of the awards.

South Norfolk Council reserves the right to publish the names and celebrate the achievements of winners at the South Norfolk Community Awards.

South Norfolk Council may contact nominators to gain further information about their nominee or to request use of some details in our press campaign.

No responsibility can be accepted for entries not received for whatever reason.

There are eight categories:

- Volunteer of the Year
For an individual who has volunteered their time to make an outstanding contribution to their community within the last year.
- Young Volunteer of the Year
For a young person, aged 18 or under, who has volunteered their time to make an outstanding contribution to their community within the last year.
- Community Group of the Year
For a group of people, working together, who have improved or brought benefits to their community within the last year.
- Community Fundraiser of the Year
For a group or individual who has undertaken innovative and tireless fundraising which has benefitted South Norfolk community groups or residents directly within the last year.
- Business Community Champion of the Year
For a local business, which has made an exceptional contribution to its community, by supporting it with funding opportunities, hosting events, or providing advice and resources within the last year.
- Community Wellbeing Champion or Group of the Year
For an individual or group that has championed wellbeing within their community, either through providing sporting/exercise opportunities, helping to develop lifestyles, or inspiring others through their sporting and lifestyle activities within the last year.
- Environmental Champion of the Year
For a school, business, community group or individual who has made a positive impact on their environment in the last year.
- Lifetime Community Hero
For an individual who has had a long-term impact in their community, who has shown commitment to their cause by raising funds and/or volunteering their time.

A panel of judges (comprising of five people) will gather after the closing date to decide upon the three shortlisted nominees and the overall winner of each category.

The judges receive criteria to follow (see attached). Judges are to be confirmed for 2019. The panel for 2018 consisted of:

- Chairperson of South Norfolk Council
- Director of a South Norfolk Council service
- A previous winner of a Community Award
- The current Community Pub of the Year
- The current retailer of the year

No serving district councillor(s), or persons related to serving district councillor(s), to be nominated for a South Norfolk Community Award.

No past district councillor(s) or persons related to past district councillor(s), to be nominated for a South Norfolk Community Award unless five full years have passed from the end of service of the district councillor who is being nominated.

Community Groups whose membership included that of a serving District Councillor would be eligible.

Staff (or relations of staff) of South Norfolk Council will also not be considered.

The judge's decision is final and will be announced at an awards ceremony in June 2019.

The judges have the right to add additional categories if necessary, and can move nominations from one category to another.

The overall winner of each category will receive £250 to be paid to a community group or local charity of their choice.

No cash or alternative prize will be offered.