"Making it Happen"

Community & Voluntary

Awards 2023

Nominate a volunteer, community group or voluntary organisation deserving recognition for all their hard work







Hello,

I am delighted and proud to be able to launch our 'Making it Happen' Awards 2023.

Going strong since 2016, the awards highlight the incredible work that our voluntary and community organisations deliver across our District day in and day out.

Each year I am blown away by the range of nominations we receive and I wish we could recognise each and every volunteer. Their contributions, no matter how large or small, make a tremendous difference to people, helping our residents to lead happier and healthier lives.

I am thrilled that our 2023 awards are bigger than ever and will allow us to highlight and honour the work of our local unsung heroes.

This year there are 11 categories and there is no limit to the number of people or projects you can nominate or how many categories you can enter.

You can make your nominations on this form or online at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/communityawards.

I can't wait to read about the incredible work of our volunteers and the difference they make to the lives of local people.

The awards evening will take place on **Wednesday 15 March 2023**, 7.30pm to 10pm at St Nicholas Church, High Street, Sevenoaks (TN13 1JA).

I hope you can join us and celebrate our residents' achievements, so make sure you submit your nominations by **4pm** on **Friday 30 December 2022.**

Yours sincerely,

Dr Pav RamewalChief Executive

Please tick the award category then complete the form overleaf. You can nominate a group or person in more than one category by completing **Please** additional forms. The closing date for nominations is 4pm on Friday 30 December 2022. tick Charity project of the year This award is for any voluntary sector project operating in the Sevenoaks District. Nominations can be made by staff, volunteers or those who benefit from the project or by the charity. Community arts/sports Group of the Year Do you know someone who is part of an exceptional community group that has addressed local challenges and put something back into their community? Whether it's singing, painting or sports, we want to hear about them. Youth group of the year Youth groups are an essential part of young people's lives, giving them confidence, courage and lifelong skills. Has a local group gone above and beyond to deliver a particular activity, maybe a particular activity, has addressed diversity or is the group run by young people themselves? Best business in the community This award is for companies that demonstrate a commitment to having a positive impact on their community through supporting local issues or causes, voluntary or fundraising activities. Local Hero - outstanding individual community champion This award is for individuals who make a special effort to enhance other people's lives. They may do something that benefits their community or the local environment - they are an 'unsung hero' who deserves to be recognised. Carer of the year This award recognises people who have sacrificed much of their time to care for others. They put others' needs first before their own so those who receive care have their the best possible life. This category has no age limit and can be for anyone who has given up their time to look after others. Lifetime achievement There are people in the District who have been making a vital contribution to their community for many years. This award aims to recognise their work. Who in your community has been going out of their way to help others for ten years or more? Older persons' group of the Year This award recognises groups that go the extra mile to help older people. They could be delivering new and exciting things such as days out and holidays or doing other activities to support older people in the community. Healthy living award Healthy living is important to everyone. Do you know a person or a local business that has gone the extra mile to help local residents feel better mentally and physically? Contribution to the environment award Do you know a local community group, individual or local business that have to improve the environment and contributed to Net Zero? Do you know someone who has changed the way they work or behave to live more sustainably? Volunteer group of the year Is there a group in your community that has come together to help local residents, especially those in need?

Name of person, organisation or project you are nominating:		
Address, telephone number and email contact details of the person, organisation or pr are nominating:	oject you	
Nominated by (please give your name and contact details):		
Description of what the person, organisation or project has achieved: Max	500 words	

Who has benefited?	Max 200 words

What difference has this person, organisation or project made?	Max 250 words

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