



Pride in Fenland

awards 2020



Foreword



The Pride in Fenland awards shine a light on Fenland's dedicated volunteering community. The inaugural awards were held in 2007 and celebrated the many unsung heroes who generously gave freely of their time and skills to help those in greatest need in the communities.

Since then there have been over 550 nominations, with the number of nominations increasing each year. We are very proud of the quality of the nominations we have received during this time; the variety of activities carried out and the compassion and empathy so widely displayed by our volunteer's shows that they fully deserve our recognition and thanks.

We are delighted to be working in partnership with the Fenland Citizen newspaper and Freedom Leisure to bring you these awards, which this year have been split in to four categories:

- **Volunteer in the Community**
- **Sports in the Community sponsored by Freedom Leisure**
- **Young Person in the Community**
- **Group, club, organisation or charity in the Community**

This is the perfect opportunity to nominate an individual or a group who you feel has made a positive difference, either to you personally or the community around you. By nominating them for a Pride in Fenland award, you're giving them a well-deserved, public, 'thank you' for everything they have done.

Nominations can be made by:

- Completing paper copy form attached
- Using the form in the Fenland Citizen newspaper
- Online through the FDC website

Councillor Sue Wallwork
Portfolio Holder for Communities

The Categories . . .

We would be delighted to receive your nominations for individuals, groups and young people in one of the following categories:

Volunteer in the community

This category is for anyone who volunteers their time either through a structured charity or just as a friend or neighbour. If they are volunteering through a charity, they would be the individual who has gone the 'extra mile' and shines above all other dedicated volunteers within the organisation. If they are a neighbour or a friend, they might have helped with your shopping, did some jobs around your house, or just popped in for chat. These volunteers would not be part of a charity or group but will be members of the local community.

Sports in the community (sponsored by Freedom Leisure)

The Sports in the community category is open to either individuals or groups, young or old. This person could have served their particular sport for multiple years. They could be the grounds person who has cut the grass or painted the lines on the pitch for as long as people can remember, or they could be the person that maintains the clubhouse or washes the shirts after every match. Alternatively, it could be a team of coaches who regularly give up their free time once, twice or even more during the week. It could also be a group of individuals that have come together through sport to raise money for charity. It could also be someone who has overcome significant obstacles in their life through sport and is now helping others to do the same.

Group, Club, Organisation or charity benefitting the community

This category is open to any group of people who give up their time on a voluntary basis to the benefit of the community. The group can comprise of any number of people but they must have made a positive impact for an individual or a community, rather than simply operating as a club. We know there are many excellent groups in Fenland, and we are looking forward to hearing about those special groups that stand out from the others.

Young Person in the community

This category is open to anyone aged 25 years or younger. They might be a young carer for a family member or be someone who has raised money for charity. They could be someone who goes out of their way to help neighbours who may be elderly or alone, or they could be helping their peers to achieve their full potential both in and out of education. There are many contributions made by young volunteers in Fenland and they deserve to have those achievements recognised.

A panel of judges will consider the nominations and each category winner will receive a prize of £100, a commemorative plaque and a certificate, runners up will receive £25, a commemorative plaque and a certificate. All nominees will be invited to the awards evening on 18th March 2020.

Closing date for nominations is **5pm on Monday 17th February 2020**