



Who is your Hertsmere hero?



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The search is on for this year's community champion who could receive their moment of recognition at the Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Awards.

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Anne Swerling, wants to hear about individuals or groups living or working in the community who give up their time to improve the lives and circumstances of Hertsmere residents. Their names will be considered by a panel and the winners announced at the Mayor of Hertsmere's Civic Dinner on Saturday 23 April at Elstree Studios. Nominations will need to be submitted to the Mayor's secretary by Friday 4 February.

As well as the Civic Awards, nominations are also invited for The Dave Rankin Award, which recognises individuals or groups involved in improving community safety, and the Youth Civic Award, which recognises the contribution made by those under the age of 18.

Mayor Cllr Swerling said: "It has been two years since we were last able to open up nominations for our Civic Awards and in that time, the role of volunteers and community groups has been brought into sharp focus.

"If there is good to come from the Covid 19 pandemic, then surely it must be an enhanced sense of the value of being part of a local community and a greater appreciation for people who give up their spare time for that community.

"So whether you know someone who has helped vulnerable people stay connected and well during the pandemic; someone who has worked tirelessly to provide an outlet for young people, through a local club or activity; or someone who has just given joy or solace to others when the situation has felt very bleak, then we want to hear from you.

"We know there are lots of incredible people in our community, so please nominate someone special for an award.

"It's a great opportunity to say thanks to the people in our borough who this past year or more has taught that we couldn't do without."

People nominated should have contributed to activities or initiatives which have shown a benefit to the local area and directly involved other community members or colleagues. Nominees should have worked in a voluntary capacity or carried out work which is considered over and above their normal paid employment duties.

Please contact the Mayor's Secretary, Hertsmere Borough Council, Civic Offices, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1WA on 020 8207 7477 or email mayors.secretary@hertsmere.gov.uk for more information and a nomination form. Alternatively go [here](#) to fill out an online nomination form or download one.

A full list of past Civic Awards winners and links to short films about them is available [here](#).

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