



Horsforth Town Council knows that it is important to recognise the hard work and successes of local people making a difference for Horsforth.

Each year we have acknowledged and highlighted these achievements through the Good Citizen and Young Achiever Awards.

Horsforth Town Council has reviewed the awards scheme and is launching a new scheme called "The Heart of Horsforth Award Scheme" to recognise and celebrate individuals and community groups who have made their mark on Horsforth. This could be someone who has worked selflessly for others in our community or someone who has brought credit to our town.

We welcome applications to recognise those who have gone above and beyond by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The winners will be selected by the Community and Environment Committee and the awards will be presented at the Christmas Light Switch on event being held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The council would like to recognise the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups who would otherwise go unnoticed for their efforts in making Horsforth a great place to live. There are five distinct Awards:

- **Volunteering award** - For individuals or groups **under the age of 21** who have made a difference to their community through their volunteering.
- **Volunteering award** - For individuals or groups **aged 21 and over** who have made a difference to their community through volunteering.
- **Business Award** – for a business which has supported or worked with the community
- **Community Award** – for a voluntary organisation delivering a service to the community
- **Environmental Award** - An individual or group who has led, delivered or supported work aimed at making Horsforth greener, cleaner or safer.

## Eligibility

To ensure that we recognise a range of fantastic people who live and work in Horsforth, we have five categories to nominate from.

Individuals from all walks of life and all sections of the community who have made a difference to Horsforth are eligible.

Individuals or groups can be nominated for a wide range of reasons, including:

- Outstanding achievement in their field such as sports or culture
- Contribution to commercial life
- Improving the environment of Horsforth
- Going that extra mile

- Improving other people's lives
- Gained national or international recognition for Horsforth
- An act of bravery.
- Made a material contribution to the advancement, wellbeing and welfare of the people of Horsforth
- Supported charitable work carried out in Horsforth
- Assisted the work of the Town Council in a voluntary capacity
- Demonstrated outstanding citizenship

The nominee must live, work, study, or contribute to Horsforth.

Serving councillors or ones who have served within the last electoral term, are not eligible to be nominated for their work as a councillor or their work they provide in another capacity in the community.

Previous winners of the Good Citizen and Young Achievers Award will not be considered unless they are nominated for a new achievement. The details can be found on the Town Council website.

Nominations cannot be made posthumously.

Multiple nominations for different categories not accepted.

### **Nominations**

Nominations can be made by any person who has links with Horsforth, as long as they are not related to the nominee.

Nominations must be submitted to the Town Clerk using the application form included with this policy.

The submission should outline the voluntary service provided by the individual or group to the community.

Nominations are considered by the Community and Environment Committee, where the winner will be selected and notified following the meeting. The awards will be presented at the Christmas Light Switch Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Horsforth Town Council is proud of the many community organisations, individuals and activities in the town and the community spirit of residents. The Town Council is keen to recognise the achievements of those people who voluntarily and selflessly work to improve and enhance the lives of local people. In recognising the huge benefit of this kind of work it is hoped that others will be inspired to contribute to make the parish of Hessle an even better place to live and work.

The aim of presenting awards is to promote pride in the community and to promote the idea of the community as something to be valued. The presentation of the awards will provide an opportunity to increase awareness of the good works in the town and to allow that work to be celebrated.

Members of the public can nominate someone for a community award by email, attaching a completed nomination form or in writing to the council (with the nomination form) stating why they think they should receive an award.

Nomination Form: [Award Nomination Form](#)

If you would like to nominate anyone for an award please complete the application form and send it to: –

Town Clerk, Horsforth Town Council, The Stables, 2 Church Road, Horsforth, LS18 5LG

Or email to: [admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@horsforthtowncouncil.gov.uk)