

The Community Heroes Awards recognise local people who have made a difference to their community. They have:

- Encouraged local people to get involved in their community or volunteering
- Brought communities together to help local people or meet local needs
- Made a difference to local people in the borough in a voluntary capacity
- Led or helped make a project or idea happen that has benefited the local community

Individuals or groups can be nominated for a wide range of areas, including environmental, outstanding achievement by a young person, making our borough a fairer, more inclusive place to live and other community initiatives such as projects helping local residents and families, especially the most vulnerable.

Nominees should be nominated for their work in a **voluntary capacity only**.

When will the winners be announced?

The deadline for nominations is 11:59pm on Monday 26 February 2024. Shortlisted nominees will be announced in early spring 2024. An awards event will be held on Thursday 16 May 2024.

For further information email events@richmond.gov.uk or call **020 8871 7118**.

Community group of the year

To recognise the groups that exemplify what can be done to make a difference when people work together.

Community project of the year

To recognise the projects and initiatives that have improved our borough and helped its local communities – run by individuals, groups or voluntary organisations.

Young person achievement

To recognise the young people (under 18 years) who inspire and drive change in their communities, and who act as role models for their peers.

Trustee of the year

To recognise the trustee of a group or charity who has gone above and beyond in their role.

Lifetime achievement

To recognise those who have shown a long-term commitment to voluntary work and have made a significant contribution to their communities over ten or more years.

Outstanding volunteer

To recognise individuals who have made a significant impact to their community by volunteering with a group, charity or organisation.

Business contribution in the community

To recognise local businesses that have demonstrated a significant contribution to social, educational & skills development, or environmental /sustainability work, in their community through involvement in voluntary work or charitable projects.

Environmental award

To recognise individuals, projects and groups that have made great strides toward tackling climate change and environmental issues specifically.

Helping hands

To recognise individuals, not in association with a group, charity or organisation, who help to create stronger communities by supporting others to live happy, healthy lives. This could be a good neighbour, someone who gives their time to help family or friends in need or a caregiver.

Communities together

To recognise a community group, charity or organisation that has made a significant contribution to fostering equalities and inclusion in Richmond upon Thames, through local work that breaks down existing barriers and connects our communities.