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**Shropshire’s Outstanding Community 2022** Shropshire is known as one of England’s most rural and arguably least discovered, yet beautiful, counties. With no cities, it comprises of 22 towns and hundreds of villages and hamlets. Its historical role as the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution is still apparent with an enterprising and entrepreneurial spirit, plus a strong sense of community identity which helps define our county.

Divided into two distinct halves, The North Shropshire Plain has Shropshire’s largest towns and population, whilst South and West Shropshire is dominated by hills, woodland and river valleys, and home to villages and more sparsely populated areas. Administratively, ‘ceremonial’ Shropshire has two local authorities: Shropshire Council and the Borough of Telford and Wrekin. Shropshire Council looks after just under 92% of the land area of ceremonial Shropshire including the county town of Shrewsbury whilst Telford, an original ‘New Town’, was created over fifty years ago by merging a number of smaller towns and is now the largest town in the county and is one of the fastest growing towns in the UK as a beacon of technology, innovation and light industry.

**Shropshire’s Outstanding Community** wants to offer all communities within the ceremonial county the opportunity to be recognised and to celebrate the strong, supportive community spirit, whether it’s a community within a town, a village or even a street or housing development. We want to shine a light where people come together and support each other, where people have developed a safe and thriving environment in which to live.

Plenty of great things go on within our communities which does not always get duly recognised. ‘Community’ is a term that can be used very broadly. In this context it is not about aesthetics -gardens, borders and flowers! It is more about relationships, bonds, identity and where people have come together with a collective investment in their neighbourhood, where attitudes and interest are commonly shared.

We encourage people who take pride in their community, both rurally and within our towns, to come forward and showcase what they have achieved. It is an opportunity to tell us about the great things that are going on within your community and celebrate why it’s great to live in Shropshire.

The categories are:

Small Community / Village

Large Community / Village

Town

Community Group / Organisation



### ENTRY FORM

### PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

shropshire@outstanding.community

OR COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND SEND TO:

The Community Foundation, Communications House, University Court, Staffordshire Technology Park, Stafford, ST18 0ES

**NO LATER THAN THE 30th June 2022**

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

TEL NO: ………………………………………

NAME OF COMMUNITY: …………………………………………………….

NAME OF ORGANISING GROUP: ……………………………………………………….

CATEGORY: Choose an item.

DETAILS OF CORRESPONDENT (to whom all communications will be sent)

NAME: ……………………………………. TEL NO: …………………………………….

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

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| **1. Describe your community and its location (e.g. street, housing estate, village, town, group of houses, block of flats, other)**  |
| **2. How many people does your community extend to?** |
| **3. Facilities in your community (please tick)** ***NOTE This section has no bearing on the judges scoring but is just for them to be able to contextualise your application.***  |
|  | Community buildings |  | Communal areas |  | School |  | Doctors |
|  | Park/Playing fields |  | Public house |  | Shop |  | Dentist |
|  | Seats /benches |  | Telephone box |  | Place of worship |  | Toilets |
|  | Cycle racks  |  | Bus shelter |  | Transport links |  | Dial a ride |
|  | Café |  | Allotments  |  | Post box |  | Signage |
|  | Litter Bins |  | Social Media |  | WhatsApp group |  |  |
|  | Other (list) |
| **Please add the following links (or others) that may provide greater insight into your community:**Facebook Link:Website link:Instagram link:YouTube link:Other links: |
| **Please submit a map of your community with key points marked (tick to confirm submitted) [ ]** |

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| **4. Tell us about/what is special about your community** |
| **a. Community activities**   |
| **b. Community initiatives and support**   |
| **c. Communication and connectivity** |
| **d. Health and wellbeing**  |
| **e. Sustainable/green initiatives** |
| **f. Nature**  |
| **g. Security and safety**  |
| **h. Physical environment**  |
| **i. Other**  |
| **5. How do you make sure everyone in your community is aware and able to benefit from what’s in place and available?** |
| **6. How are members of your community given the opportunity to voice their concerns, suggestions, and aspirations for the community?** |
| **7.** **How do you receive, analyse and feedback to the community any actions from their comments, concerns, or aspirations?** |
| **8. Which voluntary and community groups are active within your area, and how do they work together for the good of the area?** |
| **9. What support is available for vulnerable and isolated people in your community?** |
| **10. Why do you consider your community to be outstanding (in less than 200 words)?**  |
| **11. Please submit evidence in support of your application (e.g., photos, video clips, testimonials, press articles etc)** *Please list what you have attached/submitted.* |
| **12. Do you have any plans for the coming year in your community? (in less than 200 words) (*NOTE This section is optional and has no bearing on the judges scoring)*** |

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| Name |  |
| Address |  |
|  | Postcode |  |
| Contact name.  |  |
| Contact telephone number.  |  |
| Contact email address. |  |

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