



The High Sheriff of Shropshire's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards 2026

Dear Head / Principal / Group Leader

I am writing to you in connection with nominations for The High Sheriff's Outstanding Young Citizen Awards, which this year is being organised on behalf of The High Sheriff by Shrewsbury College.

Now in its twentieth year, the awards are a great way to **showcase and celebrate the many extraordinary endeavours carried out by young people in our communities**. By participating in activities within school and the wider community, young people gain the experience to develop the skills to cope with life and the challenges which it brings as well as learning the value of community involvement.

These awards recognise **young people aged 18 years and under, who live in Shropshire or the borough of Telford & Wrekin and have demonstrated exceptional commitment to citizenship through various activities** either as an individual or as part of a group. Parents, guardians, group leaders and teachers will join nominees on the awards evening to receive a personalised certificate which will be presented by myself. There will then be overall winners for the education authorities of both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin who will be presented with a shield to keep at their school/college for the year.

Outstanding Young Citizens come in many guises and below are a few examples of previous nominee's work. It is not an exhaustive list and nominations will of course be accepted for other activities:

- fund-raising and charity events
- peer monitoring or youth work
- volunteering
- community radio and newsletters
- conservation volunteer activities
- recycling and debates on environment issues
- projects to improve the school or local neighbourhood
- caring on a regular basis
- interpreting English
- managing family finances
- enterprise projects and work experience
- serving on school or youth council
- activities to do with consumer or legal issues

I welcome and encourage all schools, colleges, youth groups and related organisations throughout Shropshire and the borough of Telford & Wrekin to **nominate their young people** whose permanent residence is in the county and **who go above and beyond** for their community, charity, family or friends.

Nominations should be submitted online using the link below and will **close at 10.00am on Monday 19 January 2026**.

The awards night will be held on **Tuesday 17 March 2026**, in Shrewsbury, London Road Campus.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Blackhurst at Shrewsbury College in the first instance, ruthb@shrewsbury.ac.uk or 01743 653662.

[HSYC Awards Nomination Form](#)

I do hope that your organisation will take part in recognising the excellent work of the next generation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Trowbridge, JP
The High Sheriff of Shropshire