

KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2024

**(SUPPORTED BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, THE HIGH SHERIFF OF KENT
and MAYOR OF MEDWAY)**

OUTLINE

Aim of the Scheme: To acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

Implementation: The closing date for nominations will be 2nd February 2024, so that the presentation of the awards can take place at the 2024 Parish, Town and Community Council or Parish Meeting (Local Council) Annual Meetings, which take place between March and 1 June 2024. It is recognised that some Local Councils already have their own well-established Community Awards Schemes in place. Where that is the case the KALC Scheme could be presented as an additional award.

It is also recognised that some principal authorities have their own Awards Scheme for their area. The KALC Awards Scheme will operate on a more local level and should therefore avoid duplication or overlap with the principal authority.

Who can be nominated for an Award?

Anyone that the Local Council/public think merits an Award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The person/group must live or work within the Local Council boundary. We are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups.

What is the nomination process?

The Local Council would make their own decision as to how they want to identify those that have made a significant contribution to the local community. For example, the Local Council might already know who that person might be, or they might decide to formally invite nominations from their local community with the winner being the one with the most nominations.

What is the criteria for making an Award?

There will be no pre-determined criteria on what a “significant contribution to the local community” might be, although as above we are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups. These criteria would be determined by the Local Council taking into account what was important to them locally. However, some examples of criteria that Local Councils might want to consider are set out in Annex A.

What does the winner receive?

This will be a Certificate signed by those supporting the Scheme, including the Kent County Chairman/representative from Medway and the KALC Chairman. The Local Council will provide no more than 30 (thirty) words that they would like inserted on the Certificate to explain the reason for the Award. The Local Council can decide whether it wants to also present something to the winner or to all nominees.

Who presents the Award?

The Award should be presented by the Local Council Chairman/Mayor at their 2024 Annual Meeting. If the Council would like one of the Supporters of the Scheme to participate in the presentation, then please let KALC know so that we can see who would be available to attend. The Awards would provide an opportunity to promote the Local Council and the Award winner in the local media.

Is there any funding available to support the Award?

The Award Scheme has been designed to avoid creating undue time or financial burdens on the Local Council. The cost of the Certificates and frames will be met by Kent County Council.

ANNEX A

Examples of possible criteria

A significant contribution to the local community could be any or all of the following:

- a) Long and sustained service to the community or part of it;
- b) Achievements or actions of an inspiring nature to the local community;
- c) Such other activities which have reflected credit on or brought benefits to the village/town or its people;

In reaching its decision, the Council might want to take into account any or all of the following:

- The level of commitment shown;
- Any obstacles that had to be overcome;
- The amount of benefit derived by the community;
- The number of people benefited or affected;
- The length of service;
- Such other matters that in the opinion of the Council promote the purpose of the Award.