

**Cheering Volunteering  
in Central Bedfordshire**

*An awards event to celebrate the power of volunteering*



# Award Categories

Award nominations will be grouped into six categories and a winner and two runners-up will be selected from each category listed below. The information below will help you to choose the right category for the person you are nominating.

Award	Criteria
<b>Young Volunteer of the Year Award</b>	<p>This award is for individuals aged 18 or under who have made a positive impact on their community through volunteering.</p> <p>Perhaps they've been involved in a volunteering project by taking a leadership role or by expanding / developing the project. Whatever they've been involved in; this award recognises their passion, motivation and commitment.</p>
<b>Volunteer of the Year Award</b>	<p>This award is for individuals aged 19 or over who have made a positive impact on their community through volunteering.</p> <p>Perhaps they've been involved in a volunteering project by taking a leadership role or by expanding / developing the project. Whatever they've been involved in; this award recognises their passion, motivation and commitment.</p>
<b>Lifetime Achievement award</b>	<p>This award is for an individual who is known for their exceptional contributions to volunteering over a significant number of years.</p> <p>Maybe they've contributed leadership, skills and/or time for the good of the community, are consistently dedicated, and have a direct positive impact on others.</p>
<b>Unsung Hero Award</b>	<p>Many people give unselfishly of their time and effort without realising that they are volunteering. Too often these people go without any recognition of the difference they have made to people's lives.</p> <p>This award is for an 'unsung hero' who has made a difference to you or someone you know, and has had a very definite, positive impact by going the extra mile.</p>
<b>Fundraiser of the Year award</b>	<p>This award is for an individual, group or organisation that has demonstrated an outstanding volunteer contribution to fundraising in Central Bedfordshire.</p>

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<b>Outstanding Contribution award</b>	<p>This award is for an individual or a team/organisation from anywhere across Central Bedfordshire that demonstrates an outstanding contribution to volunteering by displaying effort and dedication over and above the normal call of duty.</p> <p>They provide outstanding leadership and a consistently high quality service to the community.</p> <p>This award is for those who have demonstrated outstanding achievements through consistent effort and dedication in their work; embracing exemplary support. It's for those who have improved their local community as a result of their talent(s) and dedication; and delivered support with courtesy and compassion.</p>
<b>Panel's Award</b>	<p>There will also be a Panel's Award, selected by the Panel from all nominations received.</p>

## Nomination guidelines

1. Nominations are welcomed for individuals, teams and organisations that live or work in Central Bedfordshire.
2. Nominations should be submitted by email or by post to the address below. The organisers cannot accept any liability for items lost, delayed or damaged in transit.
3. Organisations may not enter nominations for categories that they are sponsoring.
4. A judging panel appointed by the organisers will consider all entries and will select the winners and two runners-up in each category. The decision of the judges is final.
5. The closing date for nominations is **26 April 2015**. Nominees who have been short listed will be notified via telephone or email and invited to the awards ceremony. This will be held on the evening of **Tuesday 2 June 2015** at The Grove Theatre, Grove Park Court Drive, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 4GP.
6. A winner and two runners-up for will be recognised for each nominated category.
7. Volunteer experience / contributions must have taken place within the last 18 months, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award.
8. Group nominees must have their organisation based in Central Bedfordshire, and / or provide their service primarily to communities in Central Bedfordshire.
9. Information contained in the awards entries may be used as part of the promotional campaign for the awards. By accepting a nomination, nominees agree to take part in media publicity. Details of the award winners will be published in print and online. Finalists may also be required to take part in a short video to promote subsequent events.
10. Award winners will not be eligible to apply for the same award in subsequent years.

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## Submit your form.....

By email to: [awards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:awards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

By post to: **Julie Welsted, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House,  
Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ**

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