

# Awards to recognise county's best and brightest

**Suffolk's community heroes who go above and beyond to help people in their local area will be recognised in a new awards scheme.**

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The Suffolk Community Awards, launched jointly by Community Action Suffolk (CAS), Suffolk County Council (SCC) and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC), are designed to honour the people improving the quality of life for residents around them.

CAS chief executive Christine Abraham said: "These awards celebrate and recognise those 'who go the extra mile' and make positive contributions to their community.

"We are delighted this year to be joining with SALC and SCC's Most Active County to bring all these awards together in one

evening recognising many unsung heroes in Suffolk."

There are 15 awards available ranging from youth participation and young person of the year to community building, contribution to volunteering, most active communities and village and town of the year.

Sally Longmate, chief executive of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils said: "Our Village of the Year Competition has not run for a few years and needed a review.

"Having attended the 2018 CAS Awards I instantly recognised there was potential to bring things together and focus on showcasing some of the fantastic outcomes



The Suffolk Community Awards are being launched to recognise all the good work carried out by individuals and organisations across the county

Picture: SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

that are being achieved. "I am especially excited about putting the spotlight on the work of town and parish councils and the important contribution they make."

Previously the three organisations ran separate events; The CAS Awards, the SALC Village of the Year competition,

newsletter and website of the year awards, and SCC's Most Active Community Award, run in partnership with SALC.

James Reeder, SCC's cabinet member for health, added: "This is a great opportunity to pay tribute not only to groups and individuals that make things happen but to showcase ideas and

projects that can make a real difference."

**Entries are now open and the closing date is July 21. The awards will be presented on the September 24 at the Museum of East Anglian Life. Full details can be found at [www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk](http://www.suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk).**

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