




BRIEFING NOTE to Community Affairs Meeting 5 September 2019


1. The purpose of this note is to outline the categories for the Mid Sussex Applaud awards. The committee is asked to nominate individuals or organisations within the Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish who do the following:

Mid Sussex Applauds Awards aim to highlight the fantastic work of individuals and organisations across the district, recognising our connections and celebrating our community.

The awards will encompass two previous award schemes: the Young Volunteer Awards and the Community Service Awards. In addition there are new categories for those who help keep the community clean and green, support active lifestyles and sport, or work to bring communities together.

Categories

Category	Description	Sponsor
Stronger Communities	A community group or organisation that has helped to bring together cultures and communities through a local project or community activity	
Young Achiever Award	Against all the odds, someone who has overcome significant obstacles and made a positive difference to their own lives or to other young people through education, campaigning or helping another overcome a difficult situation or personal problem	
Take Pride in Mid Sussex	This award will recognise residents who dedicate their time and energy into keeping Mid Sussex clean and green, take pride in their local area by creating community gardens, painting local spaces, upcycling or encouraging others to recycle.	
Young Volunteer of the year	Recognising those young people who have made a difference in their local community	
Lifetime Achievement Award	An individual who has made a substantial commitment to the community in their lifetime	
Stronger Together	An individual who has helped to bring together cultures and communities through a local project or community activity	
Good Sport Award	A club or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to supporting activity or sport in Mid Sussex	

Category	Description	Sponsor
Business in the Community Award	Recognising a business which supports or makes a positive contribution to benefit and enhance community life	 SINCE 1907 CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB

Ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on Sunday 13th October 2019.

Nomination rules

1. A maximum of 5 nominations per category from any one person or organisation.
2. In Volunteer categories, a minimum of 10 hours volunteering to have taken place, or the nominee has demonstrated a substantial community service to qualify for an award.
3. Nominees to be aged from 11 to 18 (25 SEN) years old for the Young Persons Awards and no upper age limit for all other awards.
4. Individuals cannot be nominated by a family member, or nominate themselves.
5. The nominated person must give permission for the nomination. In the case of the young person, both the young person and their parents/carers must give permission for the nomination.
6. The nominated person must either live in Mid Sussex and/or volunteer in Mid Sussex.
7. The judges' decision on the awards is final.

Two suggestions that have been discussed are John Kentsley who has run the local scout group for over 30 years and Mary Gibbens who works to support residents who are terminally ill, critically ill or vulnerable.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to nominate two people for an award.

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ASSISTANT CLERK
29 August 2019
