

Civic Awards

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Civic Awards Policy

Introduction

Saltash Town Council values the invaluable contributions of individuals and organisations who dedicate their time and efforts to various sectors of the community in an unpaid, voluntary capacity. Each year, an awards ceremony is held to celebrate their achievements, with nominations invited across multiple categories for consideration by the awards panel. This policy details the award categories, the nomination process, the composition of the awards panel and the presentation of the annual awards.

The Award Categories

Contribution to the Community

This award recognises individuals or community and voluntary groups, based in Saltash, who have made a positive contribution to the local community. People who make an outstanding effort to bring the community together, improve the town of Saltash either environmentally or aesthetically, or those who go out of their way to help others, in their own time.

Youth Achievement

Awarded to an individual aged 18 or under who has made a significant, positive contribution to the town, demonstrating exceptional community spirit or for excellence in areas not normally recognised. This may be acts of bravery, kindness, caring for others or improving their community.

Lifetime Achievement

Recognising exceptional and continued commitment to the life of the community of Saltash over a considerable period of time. The award recognises a real commitment to others in the community, going over and above what would ordinarily be expected, through volunteering, community

work, helping neighbours or carrying out exceptional deeds spanning a lifetime.

Please note: Previous recipients of this award cannot receive any further nominations in this category as it is a 'once only' award.

Youth Group Leader Award

Presented in recognition of inspirational and committed volunteer youth group leadership in the town.

Sporting Achievement Award

Recognising the achievement of a team or an individual, participating in, organising or contributing to local sports. The award may celebrate a sporting performance at local, national or international level or those who give their time working behind the scenes at local sports clubs or groups.

Cultural Contribution Award

Recognising significant contribution to the cultural life of the town by an individual or group of people.

Best Performance – Peter Stephens Cup

Selected and awarded by the Mayor alone, for the group that has best entertained them during their Civic Year.

Mayor's Award – Essa Cup

A discretionary award that may be made by the Mayor (the Chairman of the Town Council) to recognise exceptional achievement in any field.

Please Note:

The awarding of each of the Civic Awards is at the discretion of the Awards Panel.

Each of the award categories might not be allocated a recipient every year as this will be dependent on qualifying nominations being received. For each award category, the panel will select a single recipient from the nominations received.

The Mayor may choose to award additional recognition for any of the categories above for example, a presentation plate – associated cost to be covered by the Mayor.

How to make a nomination

- Nominations will only be accepted on the Civic Award Nomination Form.
- Completed forms must be received by 5pm on the closing date advertised. This form is available to download online or a blank form is available from The Guildhall during office hours. Please complete electronically where possible.
- Self-nomination is not permitted.
- A separate form must be completed for each nomination.
- Nominees should be active within the town boundary and the nomination be in respect of recent activity in the area they are nominated for.
- Contact details (either phone number or email address) for the **nominee** must be included on the nomination form.
- Nominations for previous award recipients will not be considered for the same award for a period of four years.
- Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award will not be considered if the nominee has previously received this award.
- Freeman of the Town, Town Councillors, Officers of the Town Council and Cornwall Councillors are ineligible for nomination for Civic Awards.

The Awards Panel

The awards panel comprises:

- The Chairman of the Town Council
- The Vice Chairman of the Town Council
- The longest serving Member of the Town Council¹
- The Freemen of the Town²

Following the closing date for applications to be received, the Awards Panel will meet to consider the nominations and select the award recipients.

Announcement and presentation of Awards

The awards will be announced and presented at a date to be arranged. Nominees, their nominators and guests will be invited to attend the presentations (subject to venue capacity).

¹ Where the longest serving Member of the Council is the Chairman/Vice Chairman, the next longest serving Member of the Council will be invited to attend.

² Available and able to attend on the date offered.

Appendix 1 – Civic Awards Nomination Form

Saltash Town Council

Civic Awards Nomination Form

Category of Civic Award nominated for (please tick one only)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contribution to the Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifetime Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Group Leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sporting Achievement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural Contribution

I nominate the following person/organisation for a Civic Award:

Surname	
Forename	
Title	
Name of Organisation	
Address	

Postcode	
Contact telephone	
Contact email address	

Is the nominee under 18 years of age?	YES/NO (delete as applicable)
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NOTE:

1. If you are nominating someone under the age of 18 please confirm that their parent/guardian is aware of the nomination and have given permission for their details to be shared.
2. Contact details for nominees must be included for the nomination to be considered. Saltash Town Council is unable to accept nominations without these details.

This section is for you to provide details of how the nominee has made a significant contribution to qualify for the nominated category and how their achievements make them stand out.

Please state in no more than 250 words why the nominee should win a Civic Award.

Details of the person making the nomination:

Surname	
Forename	
Title	
Address	
Post code	
Telephone number	
Email address	
Relationship to nominee	
Where a nominee is under the age of 18 I have informed their parent/guardian of the nomination. (Please tick box to confirm.)	
I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided is accurate.	
Signed	
Date	

Please return this form by 5pm on the closing date advertised to:

Mayor's Secretary
Saltash Town
Council
The Guildhall
12 Lower Fore Street
Saltash PL12 6JX

Or by email to: mayors-secretary@saltash.gov.uk

Please note:

Nominations will be acknowledged but no further correspondence will be entered into unless further supporting information is required.

Saltash Town Council will disclose the names of each winner, the reason for their nomination and the award category to the press and other media.

The decision of the Awards Panel is final.

Your privacy:

Saltash Town Council collects this information for the sole purpose of evaluating the nominations for the Civic Awards.

Your data will only be shared for the purposes of administration with the Officers and Members of the Awards Panel.

Nomination forms will be retained for a period of four years.

A copy of the Privacy Notice may be viewed at the Guildhall or on the Town Council website.

For office use only:

Date received:	
Date acknowledged:	
Date to be destroyed:	

Appendix 2 – Internal Procedure

Officer supporting the Civic Awards process: Mayor's Secretary

Advertising the awards and nomination process

Two months before the awards ceremony: Media release (Appendix 3).

Promote on TC social media/website/noticeboards with weekly refresh on social media.

Receiving nominations

Only nominations on official forms including contact details for the nominees accepted.

All nominations acknowledged in writing but no correspondence entered into unless further supporting information is required.

The nominations are checked for eligibility.

Selection process

The Mayor's Secretary sets a date for the Awards Panel to meet in the Guildhall and notifies members. Members of the Awards Panel may declare a personal interest if they wish to do so.

Selection packs comprise:

- Copies of nomination forms
- Score sheet

All Members of the Awards Panel have an equal vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the Town Council has a casting vote. Following the Awards Panel Meeting:

Recall trophies, check and clean.

Certificates printed and signed by the Mayor (the Chairman of the Town Council).

Invitations sent to the nominees, the nominators and guests (subject to venue capacity).

Presentation Ceremony

The Mayor presents the awards annually.

Administration:

The recipient must sign for trophies on the day.

Recipients of awards should be asked for written permission for photographs taken by and on behalf of STC to be used on the STC media sites and in media releases.

Appendix 3 – Media Release – Civic Awards

Saltash Town Council Civic Awards

Nominations are invited for the annual Civic Awards to be presented by the Mayor at <insert date/event>.

Nominations should be for individuals or a group of people who undertake the role(s) in a voluntary, unpaid capacity.

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