



# Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Achievement Awards 2017

# CATEGORY DETAILS

The Rural Community Council are delighted to introduce the Leicestershire and Rutland Achievement Awards for 2017.

The Awards are an extension of the work undertaken by the RCC in promoting excellence in all aspects of communities and in highlighting Leicestershire and Rutland as an excellent place to live and work.

We are looking for nominations and applications from community groups, parish councils, charities, businesses and the general public. If you know of an excellent parish council, volunteer, business, community building, library, community service or group or an individual worthy of praise for their actions and contribution to the local community, we want to hear from you.

The Award categories are listed below.

## PARISH COUNCIL AWARD

An award made to the parish council located in Leicestershire or Rutland that can demonstrate excellence in the work undertaken within their community in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

The parish council must be able to demonstrate the success of their work through the following criteria:

- How they have used the Council precept
- Engagement with their parishioners
- Communication with their parish
- How their facilities and spaces are used and their upkeep
- Online presence and use of social media
- Creative use of facilities to increase funding streams and usage

Nominations can be received from parish councils themselves or they can be nominated by a third party.

## UNsung HEROES AWARD

An award made to a person or group of people who live in Leicestershire or Rutland who have made a significant difference to their community/parish through their actions in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

They could have made an impact on their community through volunteering, by accessing funding, by helping young people or vulnerable groups, by setting up sporting or other activities and events. We are looking to recognise the person/group in the parish who has gone the extra mile and made an outstanding contribution to their community.

Nominations can be received from anybody but they must have the permission of the person or group that they are nominating.

## BEST COMMUNITY BUILDING/ FACILITY AWARD

An award made for the best community building or facility located in Leicestershire or Rutland that can demonstrate the usage and impact of the facility within their community in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

Judges will be looking for demonstrable impact in the following areas:

- Any new facilities and improvements
- Creative use of the building or facility
- How the facilities are marketed
- Revenue streams developed through the use of the building or facility
- Impact on the community of having the facility available

Nominations can be received from anybody but they must have the permission of the person or group that they are nominating.

## BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

An award made for the best community building or facility located in Leicestershire or Rutland that can demonstrate the usage and impact of the facility within their community in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

Judges will be looking for demonstrable impact in the following areas:

- The impact on the local community of the service provided
- How the service meets social care needs
- The level of volunteers involved in the provision of the service
- The mechanisms in place for peer to peer support

Nominations can be received from community service providers themselves or they can be nominated by a third party.

## BEST COMMUNITY LIBRARY AWARD

An award made for the best community library located in Leicestershire or Rutland that can demonstrate the usage and impact of the facility within their community in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

Judges will be looking for demonstrable impact in the following areas:

- Any new facilities, uses and improvements made to the library
- Creative use of the library
- How the facilities are marketed
- Revenue streams developed through the adaptation of the facilities in place
- Impact on the community of having the facility available including the number of users
- The level of volunteers involved in the provision of the service
- IT provision at the library
- Classes and learning opportunities provided

Nominations can be received from the library themselves or they can be nominated by a third party.

## BEST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD

An award made to a charity or community group that can demonstrate excellent community engagement. Must be taking place in Leicestershire or Rutland and the impact of the work needs to be evident in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

Judges will be looking for demonstrable impact in the following areas:

- The impact on the local community of the community engagement
- How the community is involved with the engagement
- How the need arose
- Future plans and how the engagement is likely to move forward and evolve
- Other projects that may have emerged from the engagement

Nominations can be received from any party involved with the engagement or can be nominated by a third party.

## ENTERPRISE AWARD

An award made to a business or enterprise located in Leicestershire or Rutland that can demonstrate excellence in their work undertaken and the impact on their local community in the 12 months prior to the end of July 2017.

The business must be able to demonstrate the success of their work through the following criteria:

- Local employment opportunities created
- Engagement with their local supply and distribution networks (where applicable)
- Local produce that is sold (if relevant)
- Local ingredients and materials used (if relevant)
- How the business has perhaps adapted and diversified to meet changes in demand
- Social responsibility in the local area

Nominations can be received from a businesses or enterprise themselves or they can be nominated by a third party.