

Forwarded on behalf of The Lord Lieutenant, Sir Algernon Heber-Percy

Queens Award for Voluntary service

Overview

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK, and to date, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin have enjoyed a greater than average success rate for groups that have been nominated. Winners get a certificate signed by the Queen and a domed glass crystal. Representatives from the group may also be invited to attend a royal garden party.

Do you know of any groups in your Parish which are worthy of such an award? If so, NOW is the time to be thinking about a nomination. You must [nominate a group for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service online](#). Nominees are considered for an award the year after they're nominated.

Any group of 2 or more people doing volunteering work can be nominated for the award, and the majority of the group must be volunteers.

To be nominated they should do work that:

- provides a service and meets a need for people living in the local community
- is supported, recognised and respected by the local community and the people who benefit from it
- is run locally

Volunteer groups should have been running for 3 years or more to be nominated. **Submit your nomination by midnight on 14 September 2018** to make sure your group is considered for the 2019 awards. You must be independent of the group you're nominating. [Read the guidance notes](#) before making your nomination.

Support for your nomination

When you nominate a group you also need letters from 2 people who support your nomination and are independent from the group you're nominating - for example:

1. someone who benefits from the group's work
2. someone who's aware of the group's work

The letters must include:

1. how the group helps the local community
2. how you know the group

Contact Shelley Davies at Shropshire Council shelley.davies@shropshire.gov.uk if you would like to know more or for help with your nomination