



## Awards Criteria

- You can't nominate yourself. Nominations must be submitted by someone other than the nominee, with the nominee's permission, including consent for the town council to store their personal information.
- Awards are given to individuals and community groups/teams only not businesses. The judging panel reserves the right to present a joint award if deemed appropriate.
- Nominees must be volunteers, i.e. they are not paid for the work they are being nominated for.
- Local - nominees must live in Congleton and the surrounding parishes and volunteer in Congleton.
- Previous recipients of a Mayor's Civic Award may be nominated again; however, awards will not normally be given for the same contribution or within the same category in consecutive years. The panel may exercise discretion in exceptional circumstances.
- Nominees must conduct their voluntary work sustainably and inclusively (where applicable). For example, an individual running a public art activity should ensure accessibility for disabled people and minimise waste.
- However, the awards acknowledge that some voluntary activities are designed to support a specific group based on shared characteristics, such as children's activities, support for disabled or LGBTQIA+ individuals, or groups exclusively for men or women.
- Councillors, burgesses or employees of the council are not eligible to be nominated. They are however eligible to nominate other individuals.