



The Parish Council is launching its very own Star Awards to recognise individuals/groups who have made outstanding contributions through volunteering in Cottingham.

Rising Star Volunteer Award

Judges will look for:

- A young person showing enthusiasm, commitment and a positive attitude towards volunteering
- Makes a meaningful difference through their actions, even in small ways
- Is reliable, supportive and works well with others

Stronger Together Award

Judges will look for:

- Projects or groups with outstanding, clear evidence of the difference they are making
- Tangible, lasting benefits to the community
- Innovative solutions to pressing local needs

Behind the Scenes Volunteer Award

Judges will look for:

- An individual who consistently supports projects, events or activities without needing recognition
- Provides essential support that helps others succeed and keeps things running smoothly
- Is caring, flexible and willing to help wherever needed

Everyone Belongs Award

Judges will look for:

- Organisations or groups promoting inclusivity and access for all
- Evidence of removing barriers and actively including marginalised groups
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity in all aspects of work



Neighbourhood Champion Volunteer Award

Judges will look for:

- An individual who actively participates in improving and supporting the local neighbourhood
- Helps make the community safer, kinder, or more connected through their actions
- Shows initiative, supports the community and leads by example

Active Community Award

Judges will look for:

- Groups, Teams or Projects that actively bring people together and encourage participation in local activities
- Make a clear ongoing difference in the neighbourhood or community
- Projects that address health inequalities or work towards preventing future health issues

Community Impact Award

Judges will look for:

- Teams showing exceptional collaboration and commitment
- Evidence of team-driven achievements and impact
- A culture of shared responsibility and innovation

Emerging Impact Award

Judges will look for:

- Newly established charities or groups (within the past 2 years) making a significant early impact
- Clear vision and strong foundations for growth
- Evidence of community need and early success stories

Green Ambassador Volunteer Award

Judges will look for:

- A volunteer who shows genuine care for the environment
- Contributes to projects or activities that help protect and improve the environment
- Encourages others to be environmentally responsible and leads by example

Closing date for nominations - 16 March 2026.

Awards will be presented on Wednesday 15th April, 2026 as part of the Annual Parish meeting.

