



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Life Awards 2008

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Entry Guidelines



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About the Awards

The Aspects of Community Life section of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Life Awards 2008 aims to give community groups and locally-run facilities recognition for the huge, positive impact they have on community life.

There are awards for themed projects, sport or environment for example, as well as an award for community building of the year.

The judges will be looking for community-led projects that have made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of a particular aspect of community life.

Entry Conditions

Themed Project Categories

The five themed project categories are open to any properly constituted community group in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough that meets the following criteria:

❑ A 'not for profit' local organisation or trust set up to improve the social, economic or environmental health of the local community.

❑ Demonstrates a strong emphasis on the involvement of local individuals or groups active within the community.

❑ Has networks or forums acting within the local community.

Community Building of the Year Category

The Community Building of the Year category is open to entries from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Entry to this categories can be made either by community nomination or self-entry by the owner, managers or management committee.

Suitability of all entries is at the discretion of the judges.

Any queries regarding a community's eligibility should be forwarded to Sarah Johnston, the Community Life Awards Co-ordinator on tel: 01353 865027 or by e-mail, enquiries@communitylifeawards.org.uk.

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Categories

Community groups may enter one or more of the following six categories which reflect different aspects of community life:

Children and Young People in the Community for projects involving local facilities, services and activities aimed at children and young people in your community, e.g. crèches, pre-school groups, youth groups, diversionary activities, activities promoting citizenship and youth involvement, etc.

Older People in the Community for projects involving senior citizens in your community, e.g. car scheme, home help, social clubs, visiting schemes, etc.

Environment and the Community for projects focussing on environmental projects, initiatives and objectives undertaken by your community, such as nature reserves, tree planting, pocket parks, etc.

Enterprise in the Community for projects involving collaboration between businesses and the community. This could involve the local Post Office, community shop, farm, industrial enterprises, working from home, co-operative purchasing schemes or social enterprises.

Sport in the Community for projects that persuade members of the community to become involved in sport and provide support and encouragement towards a more physically active community life.

Community Building of the Year
Is your local community building run by an energetic and enthusiastic committee who are trying to make sure it offers something for everyone? We want to recognise the best in the County.

Submitting Entries

Entries must be submitted on the appropriate Aspects of Community Life Entry Form which can be downloaded from the Community Life Awards website at www.communitylifeawards.org.uk. Those without access to the internet should request a copy of the form by contacting the Community Life Awards Co-ordinator whose details can be found on page 5.

We would prefer you to prepare your entry on a computer to make reading it easier for the judges. You may send your entry to us via e-mail or on a CD-ROM but we will also need a hard copy posted to us as we do require a signed copy.

Accompanying your entry, please supply up to **six digital photographs** together with a brief explanatory note of what each photo shows. The photos should support your entry and bring it to life. Please note that the quality or otherwise of your photographs will not affect the judging of your entry, as there are no marks at stake.

These photographs may be used on the organiser's website or on other promotional material for the awards. We hope to build up a library of photos to act as good examples to other communities and to inspire future entrants to the awards.

Please ensure that consent is given for any photographs used and that you have written consent from a parent or carer for any photographs of children or young people.

How your entry will be assessed

Judges for each category in the Aspects of Community Life awards are provided by the award sponsors and Cambridgeshire ACRE. The judges have been selected because of their experience and background relevant to the categories.

The judges will evaluate all entries received and consider each on its own merit. In particular they will be looking for evidence of activities that are community-driven rather than led by outside agencies or processes.

The judges will compile a shortlist of finalist community groups and buildings. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by letter and informed of a further round of judging, which may involve a team of judges visiting the community group or building during July.

Visits would typically last up to two hours and will be an opportunity for the judges to observe evidence relating to the category entered. During the visit shortlisted entrants will be able to put forward further information to support their entry and an informal presentation if desired. Further guidance will be given to those successful in getting to this point.

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Prizes

Prize winners will be announced at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Life Awards Dinner which will take place on Tuesday 2 September 2008. Each finalist community group or building will be invited to send up to four representatives to the Awards Dinner to help recognise and celebrate their achievements.

The winners of the following categories receive a cheque for £200:

- Children and Young People in the Community,
- Older People in the Community
- Environment and the Community
- Enterprise in the Community
- Sport in the Community

The winners of the following category receive a cheque for £500:

- Community Building of the Year

All prize winners will also receive a framed certificate and a commemorative photograph of their award being presented.

Press and Media Interest

There will be considerable press and media coverage from across the county resulting in excellent publicity for each winning community group and building.

Any queries regarding Aspects of Community Life should be directed to:

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**Further information on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Life Awards can be found by visiting the awards website:
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