

**DEADLINE**

Tuesday  
June 25  
2026



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**REPORTER**  
**COMMUNITY  
CHAMPION  
AWARDS 2026**

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**Celebrating Excellence in your Community**

# ENTRY GUIDE

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# OVERVIEW

The Impartial Reporter Community Champion Awards in association with Encirc will recognise, reward, celebrate and honour the achievements and endeavours undertaken each and every day by the local people in the communities throughout Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

The Community Champions Awards reaches out to the hearts of people in the local communities by acknowledging the courage and selfless acts undertaken to enrich the lives of others. As the Impartial Reporter flagship event, the 2026 awards will give the opportunity for your local heroes to be recognised.

With 10 categories to choose from, that cover every age and area of your community, we want you to see you shine on that stage.



# TIMELINE



**ENTRY  
DEADLINE**  
Tuesday, June 25



**JUDGING**  
July 2026



**EVENT**  
Thursday,  
September 03

# CATEGORIES

## BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

*sponsored by Encirc*

This category celebrates a business person or a business who are at the heart of their community. We are looking for examples of giving back, supporting local causes and using their business for good.

## SPORTING CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

For a local club/individual who is making an impact in the local sport, either on the pitch or off it. Who is the beating heart of local sport?

## CHAMPION MENTOR OF THE YEAR

This award will celebrate an individual who has gone above and beyond to guide, inspire and support others within the community. Whether it be a teacher, sports coach or community group leader, this person has made a meaningful impact by sharing knowledge, skills and wisdom to help others unlock their full potential.

## LITTLE CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

To recognise an outstanding child up to the age of 13 whose achievements, courage or bravery make your heart burst with pride

## COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

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Rewarding a local individual, 18 years and upwards who goes out of their way to help those around them. Someone whose actions are a force for good in the community who we all benefit from making our community a better place.

## YOUTH COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

We are looking for a young person between the age of 13- 18 who volunteers and makes a significant contribution to their local community. We know kids sometimes get a bad reputation. Tell us now about the kids whose heart is in the right place.

## CHARITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

*sponsored by Belmore Dental Implant and Facial Clinic*

This award is for an individual or group, who have dedicated their lives to supporting an amazing cause. A chance to recognise the incredible work they undertake tirelessly.

## GREEN CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

This award aims to recognise an individual who strives to improve their local areas for the benefit of everyone who lives and works there. They will demonstrate the contribution they have made to their local community whilst championing sustainability. It could be through regular clean-ups, eco-friendly initiatives, or gardening – the sky is the limit!

## ARTS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

This award will go to a local band, artist or drama group or group who put their heart and soul into every performance, whose talent makes us all extremely proud.

## HEART OF GOLD

This award goes to someone who has made a contribution of outstanding significance to County Fermanagh and Enniskillen. We will be recognising someone whose actions, achievements, courage or bravery have touched the lives of others and made a difference. Someone special who truly has a heart of gold.

# GALLERY



## The awards are free to nominate.

nominate  
TODAY!

Nominations must be for individuals or organisations who live in, or whose work impacts, the Enniskillen and South Tyrone regions.

You may submit multiple nominations across the different categories, but a separate submission must be made for each.

The judging panel reserves the right to move nominees to a more suitable category.

**The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, June 25, 2026.**

# GET INVOLVED



1

## PUT YOURSELF **forward**

Have you achieved something special in the past year that deserves to be recognised? Don't be shy—submit your own nomination.

2

## **nominate** SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Has a friend, teacher, family member, grandparent, or work colleague made a real difference? Celebrate their achievements by nominating them.

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## **share** THE NEWS

Help spread the word by sharing the link below and encouraging others to enter.

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**OR EMAIL US YOUR COMPLETED FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

# ENTRY FORM

## Section 1: Your Information

First and Last name

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Phone number

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Email Address

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## Section 2: Who are you nominating?

Name of nominated group/individual/business

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Contact Name at group/business (if applicable)

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Their Phone Number

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Their Email Address:

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Nominee's Age

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Which area does the individual or group live in or operate within?

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What category would you like to nominate the group/individual/business for (please tick)?

Business Champion of the Year  
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Youth Community Champion of the Year

Sporting Champion of the Year

Charity Champion of the Year

*sponsored by Belmore Dental Implant and Facial Clinic*

Champion Mentor of the Year

Green Champion of the Year

Little Champion of the Year

Arts Champion of the Year

Community Champion of the Year  
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Heart Of Gold

## Section 3: Tell us about your nominee

Why are you nominating this individual/group/business? Please give examples of what they have done to better the community.

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## Section 3: continued

What did this group/individual/business set out to do and what results have been achieved? Give as much detail as possible.

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How has their work inspired or benefited others in the community? We would like to hear how their efforts have influenced and helped other people, in a big or small way.

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Is there anything else you would like to add? Please list any additional information that supports your nomination here.

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### Supporting Materials:

Please attach supporting materials to this sheet or email them to [charlotte.jebson@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.jebson@newsquest.co.uk) with the name of the awards, your name, and your nominees name and email address. Supporting materials can include documents, pictures and/or videos.

### Any Questions?

Please contact **Sharon Franchetti**, Events Manager on [sharon.franchetti@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:sharon.franchetti@newsquest.co.uk) or **07990 551 065** with any questions regarding the awards.



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