The annual High Sheriff Awards provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate some of the fantastic individuals and voluntary organisations who are helping to make our county better.

The awards are open to community and voluntary groups. This year we are looking for groups working in one of the following areas:

* Building stronger communities
* Integration – projects that bring together different groups of people or that aim to help disadvantaged people integrate into wider society
* Community projects run by faith groups
* Social Justice – in particular groups working to address addiction, domestic violence, and poor mental health

We are also looking for projects to be forwarded for a National Crimebeat award. These should be youth (aged between 5 and 25) projects aimed at reducing and/or preventing crime in their wider communities. Visit [www.national-crimebeat.com](http://www.national-crimebeat.com) for more information.

The deadline for receiving nominations is **5pm on Friday 25th October 2019.** Groups will be considered by the High Sheriff’s panel. Winners will be announced at the High Sheriff Awards evening on 12th March 2020 at County Hall and will receive a cash prize.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Nominations are welcome from community and voluntary groups, social enterprises and not for profit organisations who:

* Are based in Hertfordshire, or can show specifically how people in Hertfordshire benefit from their activities
* Have a written constitution or set of rules
* Are governed by a board of trustees/directors/management committee with a least 3 members
* If a faith group, your project must benefit the wider community
* Have **not** received a High Sheriff Award in 2019

**Timeframe:**

* Nominations open – 23rd September 2019
* Deadline for nominations – 25th October 2019
* Shortlisting – December/January 2019/20
* Awards announced – 12th March 2020

**To submit your application:**

Please send the completed nomination form, supporting statement and a copy of your organisation’s governing documents to:

* Email: highsheriff@hertscf.org.uk
* Post:

High Sheriff Awards 2019/2020

Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Foundation House

2-4 Forum Place

Fiddlebridge Lane

Hatfield

AL10 0RN

**If you have any questions or need any help:**

Contact Georgina Bawden at Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Email: highsheriff@hertscf.org.uk

Tel: 01707 251351

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Friday 25h October 2019**

***Nomination Form***

**Section 1- Organisation Details:**

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| Name of Organisation: |  |
| Type of Organisation: | Choose an item. |
| If other, please specify: |  |
| Website: |  |
| Main Contact Name: |  |
| Address:  |  |
| Postcode:  |  |
| Email:  |  |
| Telephone: |  |

**Section 2 – Award Theme(s)**

Please indicate which theme(s) are relevant to your organisation/project:

 Stronger communities

 Integration

 Faith group community project

 Social justice

 Youth related crime prevention (National Crimebeat)

**Section 3 – Tell us about your organisation/project:**

Please attach a supporting statement, on no more than two sides of A4, to tell us about your organisation and/or project including:

* Who you are
* Where you work
* What you do and how you do it
* How your work fits the theme(s)
* Why it matters and the difference it makes