

A nomination can come from a colleague, a friend, a fellow committee member, or an organisation like yours that has seen someone's contribution first-hand. It costs nothing to nominate, and the process though it asks for some thought and care in the writing, is more straightforward than many people think.

This is where I hope you can help. As councils and local organisations, you are often the people best placed to know who in your community is quietly making a difference. I would be enormously grateful if you would consider whether there is someone in your own organisation, or in the wider community you serve, whose contribution deserves wider recognition. Share this letter, or the message behind it, with your fellow members, staff, volunteers and networks and encourage people who might not think of themselves as "the honours type" to think again.

Please look at our website [The Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset](https://www.gov.uk/honours) and get in touch with my office by emailing honours@somerset.gov.uk if you would find it helpful to talk through a potential nomination, or if you are unsure where to start.

Nominations can be made at any time of year, and my office is very happy to offer informal guidance on the process, including how to write a strong supporting citation.

Full details and the nomination form can be found at www.gov.uk/honours.

I am keen that the honours list should reflect the true breadth of talent, dedication and generosity that exists across every town, village and community in Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset. Excellence exists in every postcode.

People like you, who know your communities best, are ideally placed to help bring these stories forward.

Thank you for considering this request, and for all that you and your organisation already do for Somerset.

I would be delighted to hear from you, whether with a nomination in mind or simply a question about the process.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Saddip'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Nick' written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname 'Saddip'.