



# Who is your Somerset Champion?

## NOMINATE THEM FOR A NATIONAL HONOUR

Many outstanding individuals across the whole of Somerset, including Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset, make a positive impact in their community or field of work, and so may deserve to receive a national Honour.

They may be helping others, creating jobs, championing innovation, supporting young people, volunteering, or showing courage and resilience in challenging times.

### Over to you!

*“I never cease to be humbled and inspired by the exceptional people in Somerset who so rightly receive national Honours. Many more in our county deserve such recognition, so please think of those you can nominate.”*

**Mohammed Saddiq,**  
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset

*Do something amazing for someone amazing.*

**NOMINATE TODAY**



## How to make a successful nomination

A great nomination tells the story – with clear evidence – of what your nominee has done or is doing and how it has made life better for others. Importantly, explain what makes them different from others doing the same or similar thing.



### Give as much detail as possible

- Describe all their achievements and the impact they have made. Were they outstanding in one area, or have they gone 'above and beyond' in several?



### Show the benefits

- Explain how their service has helped a specific community group, sector or locality. Include a clear summary in 'The Recommendation' section of the nomination form.



### Provide supporting letters

- Submit at least two strong letters of support from people who know your nominee's activity and achievements first-hand. (The Lord-Lieutenant cannot write a supporting letter.)

### You can nominate people who:

- ✓ Make a real impact in their community or workplace
- ✓ Devote themselves to selfless voluntary service
- ✓ Support children and young people to achieve their potential
- ✓ Have gained the respect of their peers
- ✓ Change things for the better
- ✓ Tackle discrimination in all its forms
- ✓ Improve life for those less able to help themselves
- ✓ Demonstrate innovation or entrepreneurship
- ✓ Enhance Britain's reputation

## The Honours explained

Most successful candidates receive an award within the Order of the British Empire. Specialist Honours Committees at the Cabinet Office decide which Honour is awarded. These are (in rising order):

- British Empire Medal (BEM)  
Awarded for contributing a 'valuable service' to the community.
- Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)  
Awarded for a higher level of service.
- Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)  
Awarded for a significant level of achievement.
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)  
Awarded for a distinguished level of achievement.
- Knight or Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE / DBE)  
For exceptional achievement at the highest level.

Honours are not just for the traditionally expected fields. They recognise people from all walks of life.



## Nominating is straightforward

Anyone may nominate someone else, either by email, post or online. For detailed guidance and the nomination form, visit:

[www.gov.uk/honours/nominate-someone-in-the-uk](http://www.gov.uk/honours/nominate-someone-in-the-uk)



You can also contact the  
Lieutenancy Office at

✉ [honours@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:honours@somerset.gov.uk)



For more details about the role of the Lord-Lieutenant and our work in Somerset, please visit:  
[www.somersetlieutenancy.com](http://www.somersetlieutenancy.com)



## What happens next?

Nominations are assessed by specialist committees and considered by the Government. Successful candidates are invited to a formal investiture, where they receive their honour from a member of the Royal Family.