



**The King's Award
for Voluntary Service**



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Warwickshire Lieutenancy

What do we do?

The Lord-Lieutenant is His Majesty's Personal Representative in Warwickshire.

Seek to promote a good atmosphere and a spirit of co-operation in communities.

Take interest in business, industrial and social life of the county and the voluntary activity that goes on in it.

Encourage voluntary service and benevolent organisations to improve community cohesion.

Participate in Citizenship Ceremonies

Uphold the dignity of the Crown





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Awarded once a year by His Majesty the King, on his birthday (14th November).

The highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK; equivalent to an MBE.



Exceptional
Volunteer-led
Impact



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What is the King's Award for Voluntary Service?

Who's eligible?

What are the key criteria?

What sort of organisations receive the Award?

How do you go about getting nominated? ...and who's allowed to do the nominating?

What's the process and judging? ...timetable and deadlines?

Recognition....





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Key Eligibility Criteria

01

Volunteer-led - Volunteers must have a direct involvement in the strategic development and management of the groupmay even have “invented” the group/service/idea!

02

There must be three or more people

03

Exceptional and operating at a high standard for at least three years.

04

Impact - Direct or indirect benefitspecific and measurableideally, local. (Indirect benefit might include, for example: community benefits/cohesion, personal development of volunteers or cascade/sharing best practice with other groups.)



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Key Eligibility Criteria

Fundraising activities are eligible provided that:

- Involves volunteers
- Focuses on creating or holding an eventie not just asking for donations

Group must be based in UK - overseas can benefit

Group satisfies requirements to safeguard children and vulnerable adults (eg DBS), if appropriate

Financial sustainability

Public liability insurance

Group may be an affiliate/branch of national organisation
...but needs to be distinctive and exceptional in relation to
sister groups in the wider organisation.

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Volunteers

How many volunteers are involved and the quality of involvement

Roles of volunteers ...volunteer-led?

How long have volunteers served?

Are volunteers offered training and/or do they mentor others?

Diversity and inclusivityengaging ethnic minorities, young people, disabled, single parents, etc





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Nomination

Nominations made by anyone who is aware of the Group but not a trustee, volunteer or paid staff member; they must be independenttypically a beneficiary, faith leaders, teachers, youth workers, Local Authority Member/Officer, community leader.

They can be from:

- Beneficiary from the work of the group
- Anyone who is simply aware of the work of group
- Not necessarily VIP (eg MP)

Nominations must be accompanied by two Supporting Letters.

Online Form: <https://kavs.dcms.gov.uk/>



THE KING'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE:

Name of Group



This PDF version of the KAVS nomination is for **reference only**.

Please do not send in this form to apply for this award. To apply for this award, you must complete the online form. You can download a Word version of the local assessment questions and help text from the dashboard to use as a working document.

Submission deadline: -

GROUP INFORMATION:

A1. Group details

Please note A1 is just a heading for the following sub-questions.

A1.1. Name of group

A1.2. When was the group established?

A1.3. Please select the group's main area of activity

A1.4. Please select the group's secondary area of activity (optional)

A1.5. Address of group

Building:

Street:



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Nomination Form

Emphasise:

- Excellence & difference
- Volunteers ...numbers, hours & what they do (being volunteer-led)
- Beneficiaries ...socially/economically disadvantaged
- Collateral benefit

Avoid:

- Talking about paid staff ...and what they do
- Corporate culture, behaviours & command operation
- Subservient to national organisation or governmental body



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Process, Judging & Timetable

Nomination Submission open from 1st September
submission deadline 30th November 2025

DCMS reviews basic eligibility of nomination

Early January 2026 to end February 2026 Deputy
Lieutenants visit Nominated Groups and carry out
Assessments of the nominations

Warwickshire Lieutenancy recommendations are
submitted to Dept for Culture Media & Sport in March

Between April - October, The King's Awards for Voluntary
Service National Committees (Arts, Community, Health,
Sport, etc) assess each of the nominations

Winners advised in October....CONFIDENTIAL

Formal KAVS Announcement of Winners 14th November



Awards Presentation & Recognition

- ✓ Each Winning Group receives a Certificate signed by His Majesty the King and a Commemorative Crystal
- ✓ Award recipients are entitled to use The King's Award emblem on their website, stationery and other printed material
- ✓ Raises the profile of your charity and reputation
- ✓ Gives recognition to the excellence of your volunteers
- ✓ Two volunteer representatives of each Winning Group are invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



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Questions?

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