

NORTHALLERTON TOWN COUNCIL

Honorary Citizen Policy



History of the Award

Northallerton Town Council awarded the first title of Honorary Citizen in 1992; 19 citizens have been awarded the title since then. The names of the Town's honorary citizens are displayed in the Town Hall, as shown in the picture.

Citizens can be nominated for the award by any resident of Northallerton, the nomination being considered by the Council's twelve members and decided by consensus based on the strength of the case that has been submitted.



What are the Criteria for the Award?

Nominations can be made for anyone who is still alive and who has lived in Northallerton or its surrounding villages for the greater part of their life, and has committed a considerable proportion of their time voluntarily, or through their work or business, to benefit Northallerton. Nominations can be made for any living person for any reason involving lasting benefit to the Town, for example public or charitable services, the preservation of the Town's character, the enhancement of the Town's reputation (for example through business or sporting or artistic achievement), or the enhancement of leisure services, education, the arts or the environment.

How to make a nomination.

Nominations can be made at any time using the form that can be downloaded and sent to the Town Clerk at Northallerton Town Hall, High Street, Northallerton, DL7 8QR or clerk@northallertontowncouncil.gov.uk.

What does the Award mean?

The Award of Honorary Citizen is made at a meeting of the Town Council and involves a formal announcement and presentation of a certificate to the successful nominee. A duplicate of the certificate will be displayed in the Town Hall along with a photograph of the presentation, and the citizen's name will be added to the Roll of Honorary Citizenship.

Aside from the publicity and prestige associated with the Award itself, Honorary Citizens are invited to all formal civic events held by the Town Council, for example Remembrance Sunday commemorations, the RAF Freedom Parade, and events that may be held to celebrate significant local or national occasions.