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# MERIT AWARDS

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATIONS

**Any member of the public or Tadcaster Town Council Councillor* can nominate a person or organisation for a Merit Award. The age of any nominee will have no bearing upon his/her eligibility for nomination.**

***If a person or organisation is put forward by a member of Tadcaster Town Council, then the member will have to declare an interest and take no part in any discussion regarding the nomination. Note: serving members are not eligible for nomination during their term of office.***

**Residents will be asked to put forward nominations annually in the Summer edition of the Tadcaster Town Council Newsletter with a closing date of the end of October. Nominations will be discussed at a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee under Part II in January each year, with the presentation(s) being made at the subsequent Annual Town Meeting.**

**Tadcaster Town Council shall consider all nominations put forward. However, the final decision remains with the Council and is not open to further discussion.**

**Merit Awards will be awarded to people/organisations who, in the eyes of the Council have: -**

1. **selflessly applied themselves to the betterment of the community and the wellbeing of other people;** ***or***

2. **promoted the good name of Tadcaster through their endeavours throughout the local area, county or country;** ***or***

3. **without regard to their own personal wellbeing, performed a deed of outstanding valour and brought credit to both themselves and the town of Tadcaster**

**Awards given will be published in the appropriate edition of the Tadcaster Town Council Newsletter, on the Town Council Website and notified to the media.**