

## News from Suffolk Community Foundation



### Call for Birthday and New Year Honours Nominations in Suffolk

The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk has asked the Foundation to distribute the letter below to you. Please could we ask you to forward it on to your Chair for their attention?



July 2017

Dear Chairman,

#### **Birthday and New Year Honours Nominations**

I am writing to ask for your help and support. As you probably know National Honours are bestowed by Her Majesty The Queen, on the advice of the Cabinet Office, twice a year on Her Majesty's official Birthday in June and at New Year.

You will not be surprised to hear that Suffolk lags behind other counties in putting forward nominations. We do not show off about what we do in this county and we need to put

this right.

In particular I would like to see more nominations submitted for the many unsung heroes in the voluntary sector, industry and commerce, and community service at every level. However those people need both to be identified and then nominated and this is where I hope you and your organisation will take up the challenge. There are so many wonderful people within our communities who deserve to be recognised. So I am asking that your organisation and any other with which you have contacts, take up the opportunity to review now and regularly in the future, people who work with you or whom you know well , who are serving Suffolk well beyond the call of duty. Nominations should be for persons who are still actively involved in their work to be recognised. Unfortunately, once fully retired a person is not usually eligible to be nominated for an honour, so timing is crucial.

Please read the attachment for more details.

I do hope that this is helpful and will inspire you to put someone forward for a National Honour. Let us make sure that the wonderful people who make Suffolk so special are identified and rewarded.

Yours faithfully,

*With best wishes  
Clare Euston*

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#### **New Arrangements in Suffolk**

The Trustees of the Suffolk Community Foundation have kindly agreed to support this process by distributing this letter. Details of the process by which a person may be nominated for an Honour are available on the Cabinet Office website [www.direct.gov.uk/honours](http://www.direct.gov.uk/honours) and this includes the public nominations form. However there is a short form of nomination, provided by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), which is simpler and can be used by organisations such as yours to nominate someone. I would encourage you to use this short form which can be sent to you. Unfortunately, many nominations will not be successful and the process is slow, however there is no chance of that hero in your organisation being recognised if you do not initiate the process. In addition, significantly fewer nominations

of women than men are received, despite the fact that so many women perform extraordinary service.

The good news is that we now have two people who have volunteered to help the process by being a point of contact for help or advice. They are Mrs Virginia French, a retired solicitor and Sharon Power an Officer at the County Council who is happy to coordinate this work. If you would like assistance please initially contact Sharon who can provide the form and general guidance. She can be contacted on 01473 264012 or by email at [honours@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:honours@suffolk.gov.uk). If you would like to speak to Virginia French, she can be contacted at [suffolkhonours@gmail.com](mailto:suffolkhonours@gmail.com).

In the future we plan to run workshops to show interested parties how to successfully nominate worthy people and if you would be interested in attending such a workshop please advise Sharon of this and she can then put your name on the list and contact you in due course when any are arranged.

Please also advise Sharon Power if you do submit a nomination for someone so that we can maintain a record of all nominations within the county. I feel very strongly that we should all review this on an annual basis.



Clare, Countess of Euston  
H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk

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