

**Doncaster Armed Forces Covenant**

**Annual Awards 2025**

**Award Categories**

**Adult Cadet Leader Award**

All Adult Cadet Leaders, volunteer their time to help nurture and develop our young people, giving them skills and life experiences that they otherwise may not. This award is to recognise an Adult Cadet Leader who goes above and beyond in transforming the lives of Doncaster’s young people.

**Board Member of the Year Award**

The member of the Doncaster Armed Forces Covenant Board who has been dedicated and contributed towards the work of the Board and ultimately helping to deliver the DAFCB Action Plan, helping to make Doncaster a better place for those serving, veterans and their families.

**Business of the Year Award**

A Doncaster business who works to ensure that the Armed Forces community is considered and respected. Perhaps offering employment opportunities for veterans or those leaving the forces or perhaps giving time to Reservists or Adult Cadet Leaders.

**Charity of the Year Award**

Whilst all charities do amazing work, we are looking for the charity in Doncaster that specifically supports the Armed Forces community, helping to ensure that people are supported when they most need it.

**City of Doncaster Council, Armed Forces Link Officer of the Award**

City of Doncaster Council (CDC) has a number of Armed Forces Link Officer that work within various teams within the Council. They act as a single point of contact within their teams, sharing good practice and providing advice and information to their colleagues and ensuring that members of the Armed Forces community receive the best level of the support they can. This award is for the CDC Link Officer who has gone above and beyond to not only support their team but also the residents of Doncaster.

**Community Engagement Award**

A group or individual who has worked across the Doncaster community, perhaps with businesses, community groups, volunteers, organisations and the Armed Forces to ensure that Doncaster is the very best place it can be for our Armed Forces community.

**Giving Back Award**

A thank you to that person/s who have used their experience to give back to the community and help to make Doncaster the very best place it can be.

**Innovation Award**

A group or individual who have/has worked creatively and inspiringly to help ensure that Doncaster is a better place for those serving, veterans and their families.

**Reservist of the Year Award**

All Reservists give their time to ensure the safety and security of their local community, the county and across the world. This award is to show recognition to a Reservist who has gone above and beyond in this role and is a shining example of what we would want a Reservist to be.

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

An individual who has freely given their time, going above and beyond to help support the Armed Forces community across Doncaster.

**Special Recognition Award**

An open award category to allow any group or individual to be recognised for the exceptional contribution towards the Doncaster Armed Forces community.



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**Frequently Asked Questions**

The Doncaster Armed Forces Covenant Annual Awards are an opportunity to recognise those that go above and beyond to work towards Doncaster being the very best place for those serving in the Armed Forces, veterans and their families to live, work and thrive.

**Who is eligible for nomination?**

To be eligible for a nomination, individuals, groups and organisations must actively work to support the Doncaster Armed Forces community.

Although the Awards are on behalf of the Doncaster Armed Forces Covenant Board, the event is organised and delivered by the City of Doncaster Council (CDC) and therefore, it is with regret that CDC employees are not eligible to be nominated for most categories with the exception of ‘Board Member of the Year Award’ and ‘Link Officer of the Year Award’.

**How do I nominate someone?**

The nomination process for this event will be by completing the 2025 nomination form distributed with this document. The completed nomination form should be returned either as a Word Document or scanned version to the Armed Forces inbox: armedforcescovenant@doncaster.gov.uk

Information about the Awards can be found on the Council website: [www.doncaster.gov.uk](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk)

The Awards will be open for nomination from Monday 14th April and close on Friday 6th June.

You must ensure that the person you nominate will be available to attend the Awards Presentation Evening on Friday 14th November 2025.

**What information should I include in the nomination?**

It is important to provide clear and specific information that highlights the nominee’s achievements and the impact they have made. Clearly state why you are nominating this person, group or organisation for the award, referring to the information in the Award Category information above. Describe how the nominee’s work or actions have positively impacted on the Armed Forces Community, for example, did they inspire others, did they improve processes or services, did their work lead to long term benefits etc. Please remember, the shortlisting and decision panel may be unaware of the nominee and therefore it is important to add as much relevant information as possible to assist in the decision making process.

**Can I nominate myself?**

Individuals can’t nominate themselves. However, all members of the community can nominate any person, group or organisation they feel is deserving of an award, whether this is within their own team or organisation.

**Can I nominate a person/group/organisation that has been nominated previously?**

Although a previous nominee can be nominated again, it must be for work they have done / achievements they have made in the past year (2024/25) and not for the same reasons they were nominated previously.

**Can I nominate more than one person/group/organisation?**

Yes, you can nominate multiple people/groups/organisationsacross all categories, as long as each nomination is submitted on a separate form.

**Can I nominate the same person/group/organisation in different categories?**

Yes, you can nominate people/groups/organisationsin different categories, as long as each nomination is submitted on a separate form. The information must also be relevant to that category. Please do not submit the same information on different forms for different categories.

**What happens after the nomination period?**

Once the nomination period closes, an independent selection panel will review all submissions and shortlist the finalists. This will take place in June. Finalists will be notified and invited to the Awards Evening on 14th November. The winners will be announced on the evening at the event.

**How are winners chosen?**

Winners are shortlisted based on the Award Category Information and are based on those that have gone above and beyond in their roles and not those seen to be carry out their paid or voluntary duties. The selection panel will carefully evaluate each nomination against the category information to ensure fairness and transparency in selecting the shortlisted finalists and the winner.