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Torfaen Community & Volunteer Awards 2025

**Friday 17th October
The Parkway Hotel,
Cwmbran**





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Welcome

Tonight really is one of the highlights of my year, a time to celebrate with you, the volunteers who give so much of yourselves to make Torfaen a stronger, kinder, and more connected community, and to give our partners and sponsors a little insight into the incredible contribution that volunteers make to making Torfaen a great place to live.

Welcome to the fifth annual Torfaen Community and Volunteer Awards.

Over the past five years, these awards have shared countless stories of dedication, generosity, and impact. Each year, we are reminded of the incredible spirit of volunteering that binds our communities together. And tonight is no different. It is a celebration of the remarkable volunteers who give their time, energy, and passion to make our communities stronger, kinder, and more connected.

You are the heartbeat of our communities, each of you making an extraordinary impact, often quietly, often without expectation, but always with dedication and care.

We are honoured to be joined by the Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent, the Gwent High Sheriff, representatives of Welsh Government, our generous sponsors, and, most importantly, you, our volunteers.

Volunteering is not a career. It is a passion, an opportunity to give back, connect with others, and make life a little brighter for those around us. Every nominee this evening has been recognised by their community for the difference they make, and that recognition is something to be truly proud of.

Special Mentions

Strike a Chord Trustee

This year, we remember a much-loved volunteer who sadly passed away, Bob Younger. The TVA team got to know Bob well and remember him for his gentle and calming approach. He was a Trustee of Strike a Chord, a choir made up of stroke survivors who performed at last year's awards. His dedication, warmth, and passion for music and community inspired so many, and his legacy lives on through the choir and everyone involved with it.

Torfaen's 106-Year-Old Community Member - Mr Owen Filer

We are also celebrating an extraordinary community member who, at 106 years old, continues to inspire with his energy, enthusiasm, and lifelong commitment to community. His example reminds us that community spirit knows no age limits and that every act, big or small, makes a difference.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

This evening would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors. Your support allows us to bring this celebration to life and highlight the incredible contribution of volunteers across Torfaen.

Chief Executive Officer (TVA)
Aimi Morris



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Special Guests

Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent Brigadier Robert Aitken, CBE



Brigadier Robert Hanbury-Tenison Aitken CBE has been Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent since March 2016. He was commissioned in the Royal Regiment of Wales and served in the British Army for 34 years, earning a CBE. Lord Lieutenant of Gwent. Since retirement from the military he has been active in arts and charitable causes, including working with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and supporting veterans' mental health through the charity Hafal.

High Sheriff of Gwent 2025-2026, Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Griffin

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Radclyffe David Griffin is the High Sheriff of Gwent for 2025-26. A long-serving military officer, he was commissioned into the Life Guards in 1984 and has served in places including Cyprus, South Armagh, Bosnia, Egypt and Canada. After his military career he became COO of Glass Door, a charity aiding homeless people, and now works as a Ministry of Defence civil servant supporting the Household Cavalry.



Jason Harrold



Jason Harrold is a seasoned Welsh radio presenter with over 30 years of experience in broadcasting, including his time hosting the popular Red Dragon FM Breakfast show and currently presenting the Drivetime show on Smooth Radio. Renowned for his engaging style and charisma, Jason has become a trusted voice in radio and a familiar figure to listeners across Wales. He is returning for the fourth consecutive year as the host of TCVA 2025, where his expertise and energy continue to play a vital role in making the event a success.



Order of Ceremony

- 6pm Meet & Greet (guests to be seated for 7pm)
- 7pm Opening & Welcome by Aimi Morris, TVA (followed by dinner service)
- 8.20pm Entertainment: Coleg Gwent Performing Arts Students
- 8.45pm Special Words from Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, Brigadier Robert Aitken
- 8.55pm Welcome from our host Jason Harrold

Awards Ceremony:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage sponsored by Pontypool Community Council
- Sports Volunteer/Group of the Year sponsored by GOS Engineering
- Adult Volunteer of the Year sponsored by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- Young Volunteer of the Year sponsored by Coleg Gwent
- Business of the Year sponsored by Connect Torfaen
- Trustee of the Year sponsored by Torfaen Voluntary Alliance

9.35pm Interval:

Entertainment: Piping Hot

- 9.55pm Guest to be reseated for second half

Awards Ceremony:

- Neighbour of the Year Award Sponsored by Torfaen County Borough Council
- Children & Youth Group Award sponsored by Bron Afon
- Environmental Volunteer/Group of the Year sponsored by Hedyn
- Community Leader Award sponsored by Safran
- Health Volunteer/Group of the Year sponsored by MHFA
- Heart of the Community Award sponsored by PRV Engineering

- 10.25pm Gwent High Sheriff Award presented by Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Griffin
- 10.40pm Closing Remarks by David Williams, TVA Chair
- Presentation of finalists certificates and photos including winners
- Opportunity to socialise!
- 12pm Home Time - safe travels.



Arts, Culture & Heritage



Bois Y Bryn are a volunteer shanty singing group formed in 2021, now with 17 singers and 4 musicians of all ages, who give their time freely to bring communities together across Torfaen and beyond. They perform weekly in care homes, community venues and festivals, raising thousands for charities such as Cancer Charities, SARA, RNLI and Wales Air Ambulance. While keeping all their concerts free and accessible. Entirely self-funded, they combine music, history and community spirit, making them a recognised and much-loved group that unites people from all walks of life

Evan Smith runs the junior band with warmth and encouragement, always bringing a smile to his role. He teaches brass to children with no prior musical background, giving them opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have. Through his dedication, he helps keep the brass band tradition alive, investing great skill, time, and commitment into the next generation.



The Blaenavon Heritage Museum volunteers dedicate over 4,000 hours annually to preserving the town's industrial and social history, offering guided tours, research projects, and family ancestry sessions. They support schools with WW2 reenactments under the Welsh curriculum and run dementia-friendly outreach in care homes with memory boxes. Their work ensures locals and visitors alike can learn, connect, and take pride in Blaenavon's vital role in the Industrial Revolution.

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Pontypool Community Council has 21 elected members representing local wards and working with Torfaen County Borough Council on issues affecting Pontypool and the wider district. A dedicated staff team, led by the Clerk, manages administration and finances to ensure efficient operations. Together, they engage with residents to identify priorities and make a positive impact in the community.

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Sports Volunteer

Age Connects Torfaen -The Sports Connect Programme offers weekly, dementia-friendly physical activity sessions that combine gentle sports with cognitive stimulation, social connection, and emotional wellbeing for people living with dementia and their carers. Facilitated by trained staff and supported by community partners, the programme promotes inclusion, confidence, and joy while reducing isolation and improving both physical and emotional health. Beyond exercise, it fosters community, dignity, and a sense of belonging, demonstrating how sport can have a powerful social impact



Croesyceiliog Rugby Club is a community hub offering inclusive sporting opportunities from toddlers to seniors, alongside a wide range of classes and activities such as choir, dance, yoga, and fitness. The club fosters connection and wellbeing by providing a welcoming space for socialising, events, and community groups, often free of charge. Driven by volunteers, it promotes active lifestyles, personal development, and a strong sense of belonging for people of all ages and abilities.

Tori & New Inn Juniors AFC is a long-standing volunteer-run football club supporting over 150 local children in a safe, inclusive environment. Central to its success is Victoria (Tory) Hiller, whose dedication, leadership, and commitment to inclusion and community ensure the club continues to thrive. Thanks to her and the team of volunteers, the club provides far more than football – it fosters confidence, wellbeing, and a true sense of belonging for all.



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Adult Volunteer



John Paul Marks has transformed After The Bell Children's Centre into a thriving, welcoming hub, offering year-round activities like arts and crafts, sports, cooking, and day trips that keep children active, creative, and engaged. They also organise festive events and outings, ensuring every child feels included and valued, while fostering a safe, supportive community environment. Their dedication and hard work have made a lasting difference to children and families across Torfaen.

Jean Woofall has been a dedicated and invaluable volunteer at St David's Hospice Care for over 10 years, supporting fundraising events, crafting hampers, baking, and hosting her hugely popular Big Welsh Brew, raising thousands for the hospice. She gives her time generously, both behind the scenes and on the day, ensuring events run smoothly and engaging the community to participate and support. Through her commitment, energy, and advocacy, Jean has made a lasting impact, helping the hospice continue to provide vital care to thousands in the community.



Nikki, the day-to-day lead at Tasty Not Wasty, drives the group's activities with energy, dedication, and hands-on involvement, from preparing and cooking food to organising staff and volunteers. Under her leadership, the group provides low-cost meals, wellbeing sessions, food hampers, and a warm, safe hub that reduces isolation, supports vulnerable residents, and prevents food waste. Her journey from volunteer to leader inspires others, demonstrating how confidence, capability, and community impact can grow through commitment and care.

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Aneurin Bevan University Health Board provides and oversees NHS healthcare services for over 639,000 residents across Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport, and Torfaen. Services include home care, community care, and hospital-based care, delivered in partnership with other health and social care organisations.

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Young Volunteer

Daniel Dowey exemplifies leadership through quiet kindness, dedication, and service. From volunteering at his local church and food bank to leading his school's Interact Club and joining the Gwent Police Cadets, he consistently gives his time to support others and create meaningful change. Humble yet deeply impactful, Daniel's empathy, integrity, and commitment to helping his community make him a true role model and a deserving Young Volunteer of the Year.



Boyd Paynter has become an outstanding young leader and advocate for youth representation through his work with the Blaenavon People's Committee and wider Torfaen community. Balancing his studies with multiple leadership roles, he has consistently championed youth participation, delivered powerful speeches on inclusion, and provided thoughtful, empowering feedback to peers and community members alike. Boyd's dedication, maturity, and passion for inclusive community development make him a true role model and a shining example of the future of civic life in Torfaen.

Oscar Balkwill an exceptional young volunteer whose dedication, leadership, and compassion have a meaningful impact on children and families through the Play Service. Volunteering year-round—during after school programmes, holiday camps and community sessions—he consistently demonstrates initiative, reliability, and a natural ability to create inclusive, supportive environments. His commitment, professionalism, and positive influence inspire both children and peers, making him a deserving nominee for the TCVA Young Volunteer of the Year Award.



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Coleg Gwent is a leading Welsh college with five campuses offering a wide range of full-time, part-time, higher education, e-learning, and apprenticeship programmes. Committed to inclusivity and community engagement, the college works closely with local initiatives to support and strengthen its communities.



Business Volunteer



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Crane Saunders of Cwmbran has been a vital supporter of Croesy Food Share and Care for over four years, providing both financial grants and hands-on volunteer assistance. Their employees help weekly with food collection, distribution, and special events, ensuring around 40 families in the community receive food, household items, and clothing. Their ongoing commitment has had a significant, positive impact on Cwmbran, demonstrating the company's dedication to supporting its local community.

Diversity Beauty Studio run by Danielle Scott in Oakfield, Cwmbran, is more than a beauty salon—it's an inclusive, welcoming space that caters to all members of the community, including those with anxiety, disabilities, or undergoing life changes. Danielle combines high-quality, affordable treatments with personalised care, innovative services, and creative packages like children's pamper days, fostering confidence, wellbeing, and community connection. Her dedication, resilience, and focus on inclusivity make Diversity Beauty Studio a standout local business and a valuable asset to Torfaen.



The Dragonffli is a community-focused venue in Torfaen that has revitalised the local arts and social scene by supporting emerging musicians and providing a welcoming, professionally equipped space. Beyond music, it actively sponsors local initiatives, raises funds for charities, and fosters social connection, unity, and civic pride. By combining creativity, inclusion, and community impact, The Dragonffli has become a cultural hub and a catalyst for positive change in the area.

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Connect Torfaen is a community platform that brings together people, groups and services across Torfaen. Developed with Torfaen Voluntary Alliance (TVA), Torfaen County Borough Council (TCBC) and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABuHB), it helps residents find activities, volunteer roles and support, building stronger and more connected communities, take a look: <https://connecttorfaen.org.uk>

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Trustee Volunteer



Dan Baribeault has been a dedicated volunteer at the White Hut Community Hall since 2022, driving projects that have transformed it into a well-maintained, professionally run venue. From improving the hall's facilities and designing its logo to creating systems for finance and bookings, his commitment has strengthened community engagement and sustainability. Balancing work and family, Dan's selfless efforts and forward-thinking contributions make him a key asset and a deserving nominee for Trustee of the Year.

Kelly Jenkins exemplifies outstanding volunteer leadership through her unwavering dedication to New Inn AFC, where she works tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the club's success and community impact. Her efforts in fundraising, organisation, and youth development have strengthened the club's financial stability, inclusivity, and accessibility, making it a true community hub. Kelly's passion, commitment, and vision make her a deserving candidate for Trustee of the Year, recognising her vital yet often unseen contributions to both the club and the wider community.



Millenium Hall Committee overcame a period of stagnation and governance challenges by making difficult decisions to build a more inclusive and collaborative environment. Thanks to the dedication of three key members, the group was revitalised, attracting new participants and strengthening its governance. As a result, the committee not only became stronger and more transparent but also deepened its connection with the community, improving services, encouraging wider engagement, and better responding to local needs.

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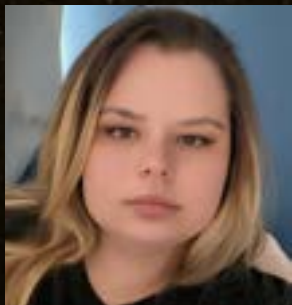


Torfaen Voluntary Alliance (TVA) is the nominated CVC for Torfaen, supporting the community and voluntary sector through volunteering, funding, governance, and engagement. TVA helps local organisations build capacity, encourage community involvement, supporting community and voluntary groups to improve the well-being of residents.



Neighbour of the Year

Cold Barn Farm is a community-focused charity in Trevethin, run entirely by volunteers and trustees, dedicated to supporting local families through affordable services, events, and essential aid. Their programmes include party hire, fun days, accessible trips, food support, Warm Space Hubs, and crisis response, all aimed at improving wellbeing, fostering connection, and relieving financial pressure. Over the years, the charity has grown into a vital community hub, helping families in need while inspiring recipients to give back and strengthen local support networks.



Danielle Scott is a compassionate and community-minded neighbour, always ready to support others through practical help, emotional support, and acts of kindness. She goes above and beyond, including organising summer pamper activities for local children, creating safe, enjoyable experiences that strengthen community bonds. Her generosity, positivity, and dedication foster inclusion, connection, and a caring atmosphere, making her a deserving nominee for Neighbour of the Year.

After a serious incident in Henllys earlier this year, local residents came together to form the **Henllys and Ty Canol Neighbourhood Watch**, led by community volunteers including Alistair Driscoll and Neil Rees. In just a few months, the group has grown to 535 members, installed lamppost signs, engaged with local councils and Gwent Police, and become a central hub for crime prevention advice and community support. Their swift, proactive efforts have turned a concerning event into a source of pride and safety for the entire community.



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Torfaen County Borough Council is dedicated to promoting sustainable and connected communities across Torfaen, strengthening social, digital, and physical links. Recognizing the vital role of local communities and volunteers, the Council proudly sponsors the neighbour of the Year award to honor those who go above and beyond, helping those within the community.

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Children & Youth Group



Tony's Tiny Crows, running since 2018, provides rugby coaching for children aged 2-6 in Torfaen, led by WRU-qualified coaches and youth leaders. The sessions are tailored by age and ability, focusing on basic skills, teamwork, social development, and fun, while offering an inclusive, supportive environment for all children, including those with additional needs. Beyond sport, it fosters friendships, family participation, life skills, and long-term engagement in rugby, making it a cornerstone for early childhood development and community connection.

TOGs provides vital support and engaging activities for children with learning difficulties and disabilities, helping them develop skills, confidence, and social connections in a safe, inclusive environment. The dedicated team also advocates for the children and supports their families, ensuring every child is valued and empowered, even when other systems fall short. By combining fun, skill-building, and family support, TOGs creates a strong, nurturing community with a lasting positive impact.



Beckie runs **Vibes Kids Dance** in Cwmbran, providing low-cost, inclusive dance classes focused on fun, confidence, and ensuring every child can participate regardless of financial circumstances. She goes above and beyond by offering free half-term activities, parties, and community support, donating her time, gifts, and resources to help children and families in need. Her selfless dedication and impact on the community make her a deserving nominee for recognition in the Children and Youth Group of the Year.

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Bron Afon is a not-for-profit social enterprise and registered social landlord managing over 8,000 homes in Torfaen. Committed to high-quality services, it aims to support vibrant, sustainable communities where everyone has a quality home and those in need are supported.

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Environmental Volunteer / Group



Tasty Not Wasty is a volunteer-led group that collects surplus food from stores and distributes it to families for free, helping reduce food waste and support the community. The volunteers work tirelessly to keep the service running, ensuring perfectly good food goes into homes rather than being thrown away. Their dedication and impact make them deserving of recognition.

The Cwmbran Maintenance Group, established in 2024, has shown consistent dedication to maintaining the Mon and Brec Canal by clearing vegetation, litter, and invasive species like Himalayan balsam, significantly improving safety, biodiversity, and the canal's environment. They also preserve historical features, support public education, and act as a key point of contact for local authorities on canal issues. Their ongoing efforts have enhanced the canal for both wildlife and the community, making their work highly impactful and deserving of recognition.



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Hedyn, meaning “seed” in Welsh, represents growth, new beginnings, and positive change, and aims to build thriving communities across five local authority areas in Wales. Over the past year, Melin Homes and Newport City Homes engaged with over 900 residents and partners to understand community needs, leading to their merger to better deliver safe homes and strong, connected communities. By combining expertise, scale, and local knowledge, Hedyn strives to provide excellent services that benefit current and future generations.



Community Leader



Rosemarie Seabourne has dedicated her life to serving the Torfaen community, from over 20 years in social care and fostering a child in need, to teaching swimming, founding the Costar Partnership, and supporting residents as a hands-on Councillor. She has led countless initiatives, including the Cwmbran Santa Sleigh Ride, pandemic support efforts, and local redevelopment projects, always combining empathy with action. Her lifelong compassion, leadership, and tireless commitment have profoundly impacted her community, making her a truly deserving nominee for the Community Leader Award.

Gaynor James is a dedicated community volunteer in Pontypool, inspiring others through her fundraising, litter picks, hospital visits, and seasonal gift drives for families and the elderly. She brings people together, engages local businesses, and encourages volunteers, creating a strong sense of community while supporting charities and those in need. Her leadership, compassion, and tireless commitment make her a pillar of Pontypool, positively impacting countless lives.



Sam Smith-Higgins runs Henllys Life, a Facebook page providing local news, information, and community updates with a touch of humour, helping residents stay informed and engaged. She connects people, highlights local efforts, and has supported initiatives like the Henllys Neighbourhood Watch and fundraising for the LNR, while also playing a key role during the pandemic. Through her dedication, Sam has become a trusted community leader, bringing people together and fostering a strong sense of local connection.

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Health Volunteer

Jenny Mushiringani-Monjero is the driving force behind Mumentum, a community group created by mums for mums to reduce social isolation and provide mental health support. Through organising events, workshops, and volunteer-led initiatives, she offers a safe, inclusive space where mothers can connect, gain confidence, and access practical support. Her dedication has strengthened families, empowered women, and created a positive ripple effect across the wider community.



Sam Hoskins is a dedicated advocate for infant feeding and maternal wellbeing, providing inclusive, non-judgmental support that empowers parents to make informed choices. Through her weekly breastfeeding support group and additional initiatives, she offers practical guidance, emotional reassurance, and enriching experiences for babies, helping families build confidence and connections. Her compassion, expertise, and commitment have had a profound, lasting impact on the wellbeing of countless families in Torfaen.

The **ABUHB Ffrind I Mi** volunteers in Torfaen provide invaluable support across hospitals and the community, offering companionship, emotional support, and practical help to patients who may feel isolated or vulnerable. Through diverse roles—from ward befrienders and end-of-life companions to therapy dog visits and community outreach—they enhance patient wellbeing, support staff, and uplift morale. Their selfless dedication, compassion, and countless volunteer hours make a profound difference to individuals and families, embodying the true spirit of community care.



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MHFA Wales is dedicated to improving mental health awareness and literacy across Wales. As the licensed provider of Mental Health First Aid, they deliver high-quality, evidence-based training, alongside offering counselling and advocacy services to support individuals and communities.

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The Heart of the Community



The **TLC Wellbeing Centre** is a vital community hub offering free food hampers, emotional support, and a safe, welcoming space for those facing financial hardship, isolation, or mental health challenges. Its selfless volunteers provide compassion, connection, and guidance, linking individuals to wider services while fostering social interaction through initiatives like MumsMeet. By addressing immediate needs and promoting wellbeing, the Centre strengthens community ties and embodies the true spirit of care and generosity.

CoStar is a community charity in Cwmbran that provides vital support through services like a food bank, food co-op, breakfast and lunch clubs, and a paint reuse scheme, all aimed at helping low-income, elderly, and vulnerable residents. Their inclusive programme foster social connection, wellbeing, and skill-building, while their welcoming centres also serve as hubs for local agencies and activities. With 25 years of dedicated service, CoStar has become a lifeline for many, empowering individuals and strengthening the community, making it a deserving recipient of the Heart of the Community Award.



Torfaen Play Service provides exceptional support for children and young people with complex needs, ensuring they have safe, inclusive, and enriching play opportunities. Their highly trained staff and volunteers deliver tailored sessions, both during holidays and weekends, while offering vital respite for families, promoting wellbeing and preventing caregiver burnout. Through their dedication, advocacy, and inclusive approach, Torfaen Play strengthens the community, empowers children, and sets a national example for high-quality, compassionate care.

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The High Sheriff of Gwent Award



Every year, the High Sheriff of Gwent confers a number of awards upon individuals and organisations who have shown outstanding dedication and service to their communities.

The High Sheriff Award of Gwent celebrates those whose selfless service makes a real difference in the lives of others. This distinguished honour shines a light on our local heroes, people whose dedication, kindness, and commitment might otherwise go unnoticed.

By recognising outstanding community spirit and exceptional contributions, the award not only celebrates those who lead by example but also inspires others to take action and help strengthen the fabric of our communities.

Tonight is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate some of these remarkable people. We have worked closely with the High Sheriff of Gwent to identify, from our nominations, those whose selflessness, commitment, and positive impact have made a genuine difference across our communities.

If you would like to make a nomination directly, please use the 'contact us form' on the website (www.highsheriffofgwent.co.uk/awards) or email gwent@highsheriffs.com



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Coleg Gwent Performing Arts Students

Piping Hot – a traditional Bagpipes and Drums Band
based in Cwmbran South Wales

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Orbits IT provides IT services and support to over 280 organisations across South Wales, the Midlands, and the South West, with offices in Cardiff, Birmingham, and Bristol. Since 2010, they have maintained a strong client focus, consistently meeting 99% of SLAs and retaining 98% of clients. Known for their proactive approach and trusted advice, Orbits IT acts as an extension of clients' teams, helping enhance productivity and support growth.

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All Nominations

We would like to recognise all the volunteers across Torfaen who were nominated for these awards. A very big thank you for your dedication and hard work.

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Beckie Forrest / Vibes Kids Dance Fitness

Kara Herridge - Prospect Dance

Coffi Kitoko

Tony's Tiny Crows

Phoebe Morris-Sims

TOG's Centre

Tasty not Wasty CIC

Jenny Mushiringani-Monjero

Victoria (Tori) Hiller

Oscar Balkwill

Daniel Dowey

Kelly Jenkins

Blaenavon Community Museum

Cwmbran Youth Netball Club

John Paul Marks

Ellie-Louise Stevens

Diversity Beauty

Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust - Cwmbran Maintenance Group

CoStar



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Nicola Grainger from Tasty Not Wasty CIC
Evan Smith - Blaenavon Town Band
Alicia Reed
Croesyceiliog Rugby Club
Age Connects Torfaen
Samantha Hoskins - Breastfeeding Support
TLC Community Centre, Wellbeing centre
Crane Saunders
Ysgol Feithrin Pontypwl
William Jayne
Jean Woolfall
New Inn Juniors AFC
Adhoc Children's theatre
If You Go I Go - Megan Parker
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Ffrind i Mi Volunteers
Sam Smith - Higgins
Megan Parker If You Go I Go
Bois Y Bryn / Shanty Singing Group
Danielle Scott
Rosemarie Seabourne
Jenny Mushiring'ani Monjero
Torfaen Play Service
The Dragonffli
Ty Canol & Henllys Neighbourhood Watch
Kyle Greenhalf
Adele Goodwin
Karen Robins
Franco Ciavatta
Debroah Caldicott
Lynda Oliver
Jackson Jones
Boyd Painter
Gabriella Middleton
Gabriella Hampson-Smith
Dan Baribeault
Simon Felvus
Cwmbran Senior Netball Club
Carol Hewitt
Nicola Leek
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Let's Talk! Long Covid





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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for joining us this evening to celebrate the hard work and dedication of volunteers throughout the Torfaen community.

Their time, commitment and spirit of giving make a lasting difference, and tonight is a celebration of all that they do.

We hope you have enjoyed your evening, and we look forward to celebrating with you again in 2026!

