



## NN Active Communities Awards 2026 – Nomination Criteria

		<b>Criteria – NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AREAS OF CORBY, EAST NORTHANTS, KETTERING, &amp; WELLINGBOROUGH ONLY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Community Club</b>	<p>For a club that has made a significant impact / achievement. This could be by achieving Club Accreditation, making a significant contribution to the community, achieved capital investment and enhanced their facilities, increased their volunteer base or delivered a successful project that has increased their programming and participation.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubs must either have a home venue, pitch, clubhouse, facility or regular use of a facility within North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Community Team</b>	<p>For a team who has shown great determination and commitment during the past year. This could be an established or new team that has achieved in any sport or activity over the past 12 months between September 2025 - September 2026. This is for a team that has achieved and had success within their sport.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams must either have a home venue, pitch, clubhouse, facility or regular use of a facility within North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Community Organisation / Group</b>	<p>For a community organisation / group that has used sport / physical activity to develop opportunities to engage the least active and support local communities. Achievements could be measured using the number of people involved or the impact on the skills and capacity within a community or a development of place through facilities.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisations / groups work / activities must be within North Northamptonshire and / or for the residents of North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Community Activator</b>	<p>For an individual who has made a significant impact through <b>direct delivery of physical activity</b> in their local community through their role as an instructor, activator, leader or coach. This award will seek to recognise those that continue to help change the behaviour of others and the impact they have made in helping those people become and remain physically active. This is open to paid and volunteer activators engaging in local communities.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominees must be engaged with communities in North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Community Champion</b>	<p>For an individual who has made a <b>significant contribution to a community, organisation, club or project</b> to develop or provide opportunities for people to be active, take part in sport and improve their wellbeing. This could be for example an event coordinator, club committee member, or the person who keeps a community group running. This is open to paid and volunteer roles engaging in local communities.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominees must be engaged with communities in North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>

6	<b>Health and Wellbeing Initiative</b>	<p>An Initiative or project that has positively supported North Northamptonshire residents to increase their physical activity levels or improve their health and wellbeing over the last 12 months between September 2025 - September 2026. This could be through the introduction of health and wellbeing schemes, raising the awareness of health, physical activity and active travel options within companies and organisations, organised activity or community projects.</p> <p><b>Criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiative or project must have been delivered in North Northamptonshire</li> <li>• This award will be measured by the impact made by the project in North Northamptonshire residents or employees working in North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
7	<b>Young Community Champion</b>	<p>For an individual who has been actively supported either a school, community organisation or club who has helped others to take part in sport and be active, has shown leadership qualities and has gone the extra mile.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominees should be delivering activity within North Northants</li> <li>• <b>Nominees must be 18 years of age or under on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b></li> </ul>
8	<b>Get Active</b>	<p>This award recognises an individual who has significantly improved their health and wellbeing by becoming more physically active either through sport, regular exercise or active recreation. This person may have overcome a number of barriers, including their physical and mental health, disability or impairment, and should have an inspirational story to tell that may inspire others to lead an active lifestyle.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lives in North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
9	<b>Disabled Sports Performer</b>	<p>For an individual who has had progressed or had success in the past 12 months between September 2025 and September 2026 – this can be local, county, regional, national or international success or representation. People who have also shown great sporting advocacy and leadership qualities can also be a contributing factor.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominees must live, represent a club or go to school within North Northamptonshire</li> <li>• Nominees must be registered disabled</li> </ul>
10	<b>Young Sports Performer</b>	<p>For an individual who has progressed or had success at a high level in the past 12 months between September 2025 and September 2026 – this can be local, county, regional, national or international success or representation. This could be measured by barriers overcome, personal achievement, success brought to a club/school etc</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominees must live, represent a club or go to school within North Northamptonshire or have represented a borough of North Northamptonshire at county level or above</li> <li>• <b>Nominees must be 18 years of age or under on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b></li> </ul>

11	<b>Sports Performer</b>	<p>For an individual who has had progressed or had success and achieved between September 2025 - September 2026. This can be local, county, regional, national or international success or representation. People who have also shown great sporting advocacy and leadership qualities (e.g. as a captain) can also be a contributing factor. This could be measured by barriers overcome, personal achievement, success brought to a club/college/university etc.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominees must live, represent a club or go to school/college/university within North Northamptonshire or have represented their district at county level or above</li> <li>• <b>Nominee must be over the age of 18 years from the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b></li> </ul>
12	<b>Outstanding Recognition</b>	<p>For an individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of sport and / or physical activity within a community or club environment, and in some cases exceeding expectations of their paid / volunteer roles. This could be measured by the impact made to the community and how they have inspired others and contributed to the achievements of others. This will be over an extended period of time.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominees contribution must be within North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
13	<b>Primary School Sports</b>	<p>This award recognises a Primary school that has made a significant impact with its delivery and commitment to PE and School Sport. Schools must demonstrate how they have used programmes such as the School Games and the government's PE and School Sport Premium to embed PE and Sport and the concept of 60 Active Minutes within the school's ethos and improve the health and wellbeing of pupils. This could be by improving the quality of teaching and learning in the curriculum, increasing curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for all students or enabling students to access community-based opportunities.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools must be within North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>
14	<b>Secondary School Sports</b>	<p>This award recognises a Secondary school that has made a significant impact with its delivery and commitment to PE and School Sport. Schools must demonstrate how they have used programme such as the School Games, Young Leadership and the concept of 60 Active Minutes to embed PE &amp; Sport across the school and improve the health and wellbeing of pupils. This could be by providing a broad and high-quality PE curriculum for all students, improving access to physical activity opportunities to the least active student, improving cross-curricular links, or enabling more students to access community-based opportunities.</p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools must be within North Northamptonshire</li> </ul>