The Special Recognition Volunteer Award has been launched by Dr Tim Fooks, High Sheriff, to celebrate and acknowledge publicly those who have, in a voluntary capacity, shown exceptional acts of kindness and thoughtfulness during the pandemic lock-down and beyond.

Dr Fooks said*, “Although 2020 will be associated with the unexpected challenges caused by Covid-19, it will also be forever remembered for the great demonstration of care and support that many people have given to those around them, whether they be friend or stranger.*

*“Throughout West Sussex, I have heard of many volunteers who have responded to the needs of the vulnerable and isolated in remarkable ways. They have been the beating heart at the centre of our response to this crisis and yet they have not sought any reward - they have simply wanted to help.*

*“This Award is designed to publicly thank those who have served others and celebrate the wonderfully positive impact that volunteering brings to every individual in need and to every corner of our communities.”*

The form for each nomination can be completed on behalf of those who have either received or have observed a volunteer doing great things for others.

 It should include information that demonstrates why the care given has been so remarkable and special.

Please note this Award is specifically for individuals, of any age, who have acted in a voluntary capacity.

All nominations will be acknowledged and those that are successful will receive a special certificate. If restrictions are lifted, they will also be invited as special guests to join the High Sheriff at a prestigious celebration event.

The closing date for this Award will be 30th September 2020.

Nominations are open now and the nomination forms will be available from hswestsussex2020@icloud.com, local media and in Public Libraries.

Address

Postcode

Phone/email

Twitter/Facebook/Instagram

**Please tell us the reasons for the nomination, bearing in mind the criteria below:**

* Clearly demonstrate the outstanding voluntary activity the candidate has undertaken in the community to support individuals or groups, using examples.
* Clearly explain the altruistic acts of thoughtfulness and kindness, using specific examples.
* How has this activity benefited the community, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic?
* Confirm that the person is of good standing.

**Please respond using the criteria above. Include any testimonials and further evidence if appropriate**.

*(use extra pages if required)*

**Details of the Nominator(s)**

**Name**

**Address**

**Preferred contact details**

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**Additional Supporting Information for the Nomination**