

# Press Release

## **Annual awards are a chance to nominate Devon's recycling heroes**

Devon residents and communities are being called on to nominate their unsung recycling heroes, whose efforts have helped the county remain one of the greenest in the UK.

The Fifth Recycle Devon Thank You Awards will be held on 16 March. Nominations for the eight categories, including those for schools, businesses, and community groups, can be submitted on the Recycle Devon website from 1 November 2017 to 1 December 2017.

The Thank You Awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green.

At last count 55.7 per cent of the total rubbish collected or taken to recycling centres in Devon that could otherwise have been disposed of, was recycled.

There will be a public vote after shortlisting to nominate 'Your Overall Recycling Hero', which will be featured on the Recycle Devon Website. There will be prizes and recognition for all shortlisted nominees.

Do you know someone who makes a real effort to reduce, reuse and recycle? Perhaps a neighbour, friend, someone from a community group, or even a member of your local collection crew or staff from your local recycling centre.

It could also be a local school or college student, teacher, helper or member of the support staff. Please get in touch.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill in the quick nomination form at [www.recycledevon.org/recycling-heroes](http://www.recycledevon.org/recycling-heroes) – they deserve it!

Chairman of the DASWC, Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee, Councillor Duncan Wood said: "The committee wants to recognise those who have gone beyond the call of duty or perhaps have even come up with new and innovative ways to reduce waste or reuse and repair unwanted items."

Liz Jarvis, Senior Waste Manager at Devon County Council, said: "Last time we had over 60 nominations and we're hoping to receive even more this year. It's such a pleasure to hear about the amazing, inspiring people in Devon and all the hard work they do."

The categories are:

Your Recycling Hero – this could be a friend, family member, neighbour or local champion  
School Recycling Hero – three categories – child or adult as well as class/group  
Community Group recycling hero  
Collection Crew/Operative - recycling, garden, food, or refuse collector  
Recycling Centre Operative staff  
Small Business Champion

Nominations need to be in by 1<sup>st</sup> December. There will be an awards ceremony for all the

shortlisted nominations in March which will be hosted by Heart Breakfast Radio DJ's, Matt and Vic.

For further information or to nominate, please see the [www.recycledevon.org](http://www.recycledevon.org) website, or post your entry to: The Recycle Devon Team, c/o Devon County Council, Waste Management, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QD

Recycle Devon is a countywide waste communications campaign which represents a partnership of 10 authorities across Devon including Devon County Council, 8 District Authorities and Torbay Council. For more information:

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