

Freedom of the Parish

If you know of a resident/or organisation who you believe should be recognised for their exceptional contribution or service to the community over a prolonged period of time - contact the Council and let us know of the person and the reasons you believe they should be considered for the Freeman award.

It needs to be stressed that this is for 'exceptional contribution', Council does have an award for volunteering efforts or community work for the village – see 'Star Awards'.

Power: Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, Parish Councils have the power to award the Freedom of the Parish.

Considerations for this are:

- Should be awarded in recognition of exceptional contribution, or service or over a prolonged period of time.
- Can be awarded to a resident of the Parish who renders an identifiable and consistent contribution/service to the Parish or wider community.
- Can be proposed by any resident in the Parish or by Parish Councillors.
- Parish Councillors/Council will have absolute discretion regarding who receives and award.
- It is not necessary to award if no-one is proposed and it is not a requirement that anyone is appointed even if proposed.

This is an award, solely in the gift of the Council and confers no material honours or special privileges nor does it entitle the person to participate in the proceedings of the Council meetings or in any ceremonial events. It is purely and simply awarded for merit.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual for a Freedom of the Parish should contact the Clerk, and will be required to initially fill in the application form in conjunction with the selection criteria.

Selection Criteria

Applicants shall be judged eligible against the following criterion:

- They have brought distinction to the Parish of Euxton and enhanced its reputation as a direct result of their actions
- The work of the individual / organisation is considered exceptional as a direct result of their sustained actions
- The work of the individual / organisation has made a significant difference to the life of others – such service may be continuous over a period of time or through one significant single action or initiative
- The individual / organisation exemplifies selflessness and sustained commitment to voluntary service in their community

When considering applications, the group may wish to split nominations into categories to allow further clarity in their decision making. The following categories are suggested:

- Charitable
- Community
- Culture
- Business, Innovation and Science
- Education
- Health and Environment
- Military
- Miscellaneous other

It is accepted that some requests may fall into more than one category and applicants therefore need to address that in their submission.

Decision Process

All decisions will be made by Full Council in private. All applications will be judged strictly in line with the selection criteria. Council will not enter discussions during or following a decision on an application and its decision will be final.

Nomination form for a Freeman/woman of the Parish

All fields should be completed.

Nominee details	
Full name	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Town/city	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Daytime telephone	
Email address	
Reason for nomination	
Please explain in approx 500 words the contribution your nominee has made to the life in Euxton.	
	Please use the selection criteria to support the nomination.
Reference	
A reference from someone familiar with the work of the nominee is required, this can be attached to this form or, alternatively you can email the reference to clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk quoting the Freeman application.	
Does the nominee know you are nominating them for this scheme?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If ticked no, do you acknowledge that, at some point, it will be necessary to contact the nominee to get their agreement for the nomination to progress?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Details of nominator	
Full name	
Address line 1	
Address line 2	
Address line 3	
Postcode	
Telephone number	
Daytime telephone	
Email address	
Please explain your relationship/connection to the nominee:	

We will use your information in order to process your nomination in a manner compatible with the Data Protection Act. Any disclosures or sharing of information will only take place where required or permitted by law.

If you have any queries about this form please contact the Clerk at 01257 234004 or clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk