

Unsung Hero's Contest – Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

- The Unsung Hero Contest (“the Contest”) is open to individuals and groups who live within the South Derbyshire District Council area.
- Nominations must be submitted by someone aged 18 or over. Nominees can be of any age, but if the winner is under 16 they be accompanied by a responsible adult at the Christmas Lights Switch on event
- Employees of South Derbyshire District Council and their immediate family members are not eligible to be nominated.
- The Winner must be available for the Saturday 29th November 4:00-7:00pm event.
- Entries must reflect genuine contributions to the community

How to Enter

- Nominations open on 1st October 2025 and close at 11:59 pm on 29th October 2025.
- Entries must be submitted via the official questionnaire link provided on South Derbyshire District Council's social media channels and website.
- Nominations must include a written statement up to 500 words, explaining why the nominee deserves to be recognised as South Derbyshire's Unsung Hero.
- Only one nomination per person, per nominee will be accepted. Multiple nominations for the same nominee will be considered but will not influence the judging process.
- You must make sure to include valid information like an email address or Phone number in order for us to contact them if selected.

Selection Process

- Following the close of nominations, an internal panel will review all eligible entries and create a shortlist of approximately 15–20 nominees.
- Shortlisted nominees will be notified directly.
- A second panel will then reduce the shortlist to the final 5 nominees.
- The final 5 nominees will be announced to the public on 12th November 2025.

Public Vote

- The public will be invited to vote for their chosen finalist between 12th November 2025 and 20th November at 12:00am 2025.
- Voting will take place through a method communicated on South Derbyshire District Council's social media channels.
- The nominee with the highest number of valid public votes will be declared the winner.
- The Winner will be contacted by Monday 24th November at 5:00pm. If you fail to respond we will move on to the next candidate.

Prize

- The winner will have the honour of turning on the Christmas lights at the Annual Christmas Lights Switch-On Event on 29 November 2025.

- No cash alternative or substitute prize will be offered.
- If the winner is unable to attend the event, South Derbyshire District Council reserves the right to offer the opportunity to another finalist.

Announcement of Winner

- The winner will be officially announced on Tuesday, 25th November 2025 on South Derbyshire District Council's social media pages.

General Conditions

- By submitting a nomination, entrants confirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of their knowledge.
- South Derbyshire District Council reserves the right to refuse or disqualify any nomination that is incomplete, offensive, or does not meet the eligibility criteria.
- The decision of the judging panels and the outcome of the public vote are final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into.
- By participating, nominees and nominators agree to the use of their name, likeness, and nomination details in promotional materials relating to the Contest and the Christmas Lights Switch-On Event.
- South Derbyshire District Council accepts no responsibility for technical issues, lost or late entries, or any circumstances beyond its control that may affect participation.

Data Protection

- Personal data provided during the nomination and voting process will be handled in accordance with South Derbyshire District Council's privacy policy. South Derbyshire District Council shall use and take care of any personal information you supply to it as described in its privacy policy, a copy of which can be read [here Privacy notices | South Derbyshire District Council](#)) and in accordance with data protection legislation
- Data will only be used for the purpose of administering this Contest.
- Your explanation as to why you deserve to win will be used in order for votes to be cast

Governing Law

- These Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of England and Wales.
- The Contest is administered by South Derbyshire District Council.