

# Editor's comment

One of the things that inspires me most about this great county is the people who make Suffolk such a fantastic place to live and visit. Our countryside is wonderful, our towns and villages are hives of energy and endeavour, our coast is stunning. All of them are that way because of the people who care for them and, above all, are proud of them.

That's why *Suffolk* magazine is proud to support the brand new Suffolk Community Awards which celebrate and recognise the huge contribution that groups, individuals, town and parish councils make on the quality of life in our communities across the length and breadth of Suffolk.

The awards have been launched by a unique partnership between Community Action Suffolk (CAS), Suffolk County Council and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC). As Christine Abraham, chief executive of CAS, says, the awards celebrate and recognise

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those who go the extra mile and make positive contributions to their community. "We're delighted this year to be joining with SALC and Most Active County to bring all these awards together recognising many unsung heroes in Suffolk," she says. In previous years the three organisations ran separate events – the CAS Awards, SALC Village of the Year competition,



Photo: Frances Crickmore

Thank you to Frances Crickmore for this stunning image of a fox in a spring meadow

newsletter and website of the year awards, and Suffolk County Council's Most Active Community Awards. But Sally Longmate, chief executive of SALC, spotted an opportunity to bring it all together and focus on showcasing some of the fantastic things that are being achieved.

There are 15 awards available, ranging from youth participation and young person of the year, to community building, contribution to volunteering, most active communities and village and town of the year. CAS is also announcing a new Suffolk Good Neighbour Award, sponsored by Suffolk Community Foundation. *Suffolk* magazine is proud to be sponsoring the Village of the Year Competition.

To enter any of the awards go to the new dedicated website where there's a simple online application and nomination process – [suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk](http://suffolkcommunityawards.co.uk). The closing date is July 21 and the awards will be presented on September 24 at the Museum of East Anglian Life, which I'm greatly looking forward to. This is a great opportunity to recognise groups and people who make things happen and get things done, and to showcase ideas and projects that can make a real difference.

Go for it!



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