

Chairman's Announcements - 5 February 2016

Herefordshire Community Champions (HCC)

On 21st January 2016, the HCC competition was launched in collaboration with the Hereford Times and sponsored by Cargills.

This competition, which closes on 14th March 2016, seeks to identify and thank Herefordshire people who have excelled in their contribution to the local community.

Nominations are sought for five categories:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Apprentice of the Year
- Greatest Achievement of the Year
- Local community award
- Youth Champion

All Councillors are urged to promote and support the scheme including nominating suitable candidates. Finalists will be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on 29th April 2016 where the County's Lord Lieutenant, Lady Darnley will present the awards.

Full information, including details of prizes of up to £500 each, can be found using the internet link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions16

Civic Service

Following consultation with others, I have decided not to have a separate civic service this year. The Lord Lieutenant, Lady Darnley, has kindly invited me to co-host the cathedral service on 11th June 2016 which is being held to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. With this in mind and with many of the same invitees being involved, I am working with the Lord Lieutenant in promoting this major celebration in June and would ask all councillors and community leaders to support us on that occasion.