



## Categories

Awards are open to Darlington residents, students and workers, of all ages, and will celebrate achievements which took place during 2010. The awards celebrate unpaid work carried out by nominees or commitment that goes beyond the call of duty in their everyday work.

**Contribution to Sport:** Groups or individuals who have made a major contribution to sport in Darlington, either by the excellence of their performance, commitment to organising activities, or by being role models to others in their attitude to sport. **Sponsored by Polam Hall School**

**Contribution to the Arts:** Groups or individuals of any age who have made a major contribution to the arts in Darlington, either by the excellence of their performance, commitment to organising activities, or by being role models to others in their attitude to the arts. **Sponsorship TBC**

**Contribution to Business:** Any business in the borough can be nominated. The award will recognise a firm that has had extraordinary achievement over a period of time, made an extra commitment to its workers or promoting the borough as a vibrant and prosperous place to live. **Sponsored by Openreach**

**Contribution to the Environment:** Community groups or businesses, who are having a positive impact on the environment through projects or particular initiatives, e.g.: improving wildlife habitats, reducing carbon footprint or improving open spaces. **Sponsored by Groundwork West Durham & Darlington**

**Academic Excellence:** Any person who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement that deserves wider recognition. **Sponsored by Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College**

**Outstanding Vocational Learner:** Any person who has shown commitment and determination to study or has achieved success in spite of difficult or demanding circumstances. The person could also have made a contribution to the wider community, or have involvement in outside activities for personal development. **Sponsored by Darlington College**

**Neighbour from Heaven:** Given to a person or people who have demonstrated outstanding help or kindness to their neighbours. **Sponsored by Soroptimists International, Darlington & District**

**Volunteer of the Year:** Awarded to someone who has shown outstanding commitment in their voluntary field without expectation of reward or recognition. **Sponsored by eVOLution Darlington**

**Contribution to the Community (2 Awards – one for adults, one for young people):** Groups or individuals who are involved in activities aimed at improving their community. **Sponsored by Darlington Borough Council (Adult) and Sherwoods Chevrolet (Young People)**

**Putting Darlington on the Map Award:** An individual, company or group, who has made the rest of the country or wider world more aware of Darlington during 2010. **Sponsored by The Northern Echo**

**The Big Snap:** Photography Competition: Separate details available from 01325 388438/388151. **Sponsored by the Marchday Group plc, owners of Lingfield Point.**

**Winners of each category will go forward to be considered for the Citizen of the Year Award or the Rotary Young Citizen of the Year Award**