**Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards 2024**

**The Awards  
The Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards are run by the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership to recognise the achievements of individuals and groups who are responding to the call for action for nature and making a real difference to wildlife, places and people in Norfolk. There are six Award categories:**

* **Young People's Achievement**
* **Saving Species**
* **Spaces for Nature**
* **Nature for Health and Wellbeing**
* **Groups**
* **Rivers and Wetlands**

This years awards will be celebrated at the**Forum, Norwich on Sunday 23rd June,** representatives from all nominees will be invited to attend the evening ceremony when winners will be presented with framed certificates**.**This year there will also be the opportunity for nominees to have a public facing stand at the Forum during the day, to promote their work and network with others. Spaces are free but limited, so please confirm if the nominee would like to book a space in the final question on this form.

**Who can enter  
Nominations are welcome from (or on behalf of) groups and individuals, and anyone over 16\* can be nominated although activities must not be part of any normal paid work for a conservation organisation but can be volunteer work.   
\*The 'Young People's Achievement Award' is open to nominees aged 25 and under. If the nominee is below the age of 16, nominations must be made by a parent, guardian or teacher.**

**Making your nomination**

**Once completed please send this form to** [**biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk**](mailto:biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk)**.**

**You can nominate yourself.**

**How nominations will be assessed  
Nominations will be judged against: the extent of biodiversity enhancement; the degree of community involvement; evidence of long-term sustainability (such as site management plans); how they contribute to the development of an ecological network; interpretation; public accessibility; and the extent to which nominees have inspired and motivated others in their community and contributed to new knowledge of Norfolk's biodiversity. We are looking for applications that impart excitement about what has been achieved and may inspire others to take action!  
  
The closing date for nominations is 24th May 2024**

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### **Nomination Form**

### **Please provide an email address or phone number for the group, project, place or person being nominated for 2023 Norfolk Community Biodiversity Award. Please ensure that you have their permission to send us this information. \***

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**Award Category**

### **Please select an Award category for your nomination (please select one only) \***

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|  | **Young People's Achievement: This award is for individual young people under 25 whose efforts contribute to recording, understanding or action to benefit nature and biodiversity. Young people hold the key to the future for our wildlife so we are looking for those who are inspirational.**  **Sponsored by Lanpro** |
|  | **Saving Species: This award recognises individual or group efforts to improve the situation for wildlife species or species groups. With so many species in rapid decline action is needed at every level. We are looking for activities that directly benefit species populations or a specific habitat they rely on.**  **Sponsored by the RSPB** |
|  | **Spaces for Nature: This award celebrates spaces within communities for nature and people, whether large or small. This might be enhancing existing spaces or creating new ones. Action at a local level, by local people is vital to ensure a brighter future for biodiversity.**  **Sponsored by Norfolk Wildlife Trust** |
|  | **Nature for Health and Wellbeing: This award celebrates people or projects that benefit individuals in terms of improved health and wellbeing as a direct result of bringing people and nature together. We are looking for initiatives that benefit biodiversity in the community or our knowledge of it.**  **Sponsored by Gressenhall Environmental Hub** |
|  | **Groups:** This award recognises the achievements of groups working on biodiversity projects in their local community. Local groups inspire people to recognise and care for their local biodiversity and bring people together to work with a common purpose. We are looking for achievements for the group, as well as for wildlife and habitats.  **Sponsored by Clarion Housing** |
|  | **Rivers and Wetlands**:  This award celebrates groups or individuals who have inspired people to connect with their local river and wetland ecosystems. We are looking for activities that have helped communities understand the important role of Norfolk’s river catchments in supporting biodiversity.  **Sponsored by Norfolk Rivers Trust** |

**Your contact details**

**Contact details of person submitting the nomination \***

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| Your name | |  | | --- | |  |   \* |
| How do you know the nominee? | |  | | --- | |  |   \* |
| Your telephone number | |  | | --- | |  |   \* |
| Your E-mail address | |  | | --- | |  |   \* |

**Reason for nomination**

### Overview of the nomination Please include as a minimum: the name of the activity carried out by the group, project or person; the aims and objectives of the activities; how long the activity has been running; how the group, project or person got started on this activity. (Maximum 500 words) **\***

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### Please describe what has been achieved and why you think this merits an award. Where relevant please include details about: what has been achieved for biodiversity, how has the community been involved, how the work will be sustained in the long term, how people can access the project to see what has been achieved, how the activity or nominee is innovative and inspiring and how the activity and its importance has been promoted to the wider community (Maximum 500 words) **\***

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### Additional supporting information: where relevant please include: quotes from volunteers and members of the community regarding the nomination, a summary of any evaluations and feedback, website links and links to any blogs and social media activity etc. (Maximum 500 words)

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### You may supply up to 3 photos which you agree we can use freely (in this and subsequent years) for promotion of the Awards. Please only submit photos you grant us permission to use and where you have the permission of those photographed. A short video would also be most welcome. Please attach these files to your completed nomination form and send them to:[**biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk**](mailto:biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk)

**Declaration**

### **I confirm that the nominated project/group/individual has been informed of their nomination, and has consented to be considered for a Norfolk Community Biodiversity Award \***

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**I confirm that the photographs I have supplied can be used freely by the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership in their promotion of the Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards and that I have the consent of any individuals depicted. \***

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**Has this activity been supported by a member of paid staff? \***

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### **Declaration:** please type your name in to confirm that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of your knowledge. **\***

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### Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed. We will acknowledge that we have received your nomination within one week of submission. If you haven't heard from us by then, please get in touch directly by email:[**biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk**](mailto:biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk)

### We recommend that you print off your completed nomination for your own records. **\***

**Terms and conditions**

### Before you can make a nomination you must read and agree to the awards terms and conditions which are available at: [**https://tinyurl.com/f4b96p22**](https://tinyurl.com/f4b96p22)

### **I have read and agree to the Award’s terms and conditions Yes**

### The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership will ask for your contact details so that we can contact you regarding your nomination. We will only use this information in relation to the biodiversity awards and will keep it secure in line with The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), the Data Protection Act 2018 and Norfolk County Council’s data protection policy and guidelines. Find out more about how Norfolk County Council stores your data at:[**http://tinyurl.com/yag98kza**](http://tinyurl.com/yag98kza)

**I have read Norfolk County Council’s Privacy Policy**   **Yes**

### We would like to use words and photographs submitted within nominations to promote future

### awards.

### **I am happy for The Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership to use any words and images I submit**

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### **Yes**

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Would the nominee be interested in receiving more information about hosting a public facing stand at the daytime event on June 23rd?

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