

John Evans Award nominations 2026

Roger Wiltshire

I am writing to formally nominate Roger Wiltshire for the John Evan Citizen Award in recognition of his tireless dedication to the Brundall parkrun. A retired resident of our village, Roger has become an indispensable pillar of the Brundall parkrun, embodying the spirit of selfless volunteering.

Roger has never run the Brundall parkrun course but has amassed over 200 volunteering credits at Brundall. Also known as King Roger, he is a key part of our parkrun community. He is usually our timekeeper (Completing that role 109 times), a role which most people are worried about, but Roger is always keen to take the role and ensure we all get our times, he trains and helps new timers with the process and makes them feel at ease and part of the team.

All the Run Directors love it when Roger has put his name down, its a safe pair of hands and we know there won't be any issues.

He has helped a number of our younger D of E volunteers with training and great to see the younger people look to Roger for help and assistance.

I personally believe that the relationships formed go wider than parkrun and have seen runners and D of E volunteers stop and chat to Roger in the village.

Roger is a modest individual who would likely insist he does not deserve formal recognition. However, dedicating four years of consistent service to a community event without seeking any personal accolades is the mark of a truly special person.

Stuart Harper

John Fleetwood

I would like to propose that John Fleetwood deserves to be considered for this award.

He was involved in setting up the Broadland Tree Warden Network, being Chairman and Coordinator since its creation.

The Network folded recently due to the fact that nobody would take over from John, who deserved to retire.

He spent many hours a week on paperwork and organising. Not forgetting his monthly magazine, he produced for decades.

The Network has benefited many villages throughout Broadland including BRUNDALL

We spent many days planting saplings throughout Norfolk and ongoing maintenance

He was the Tree warden for Brundall for many years and helped create Church Fen and protected many local trees with TPO's during his time as Tree Warden.

I joined the team and with his help we both spent over 1800 hrs at low farm wood on maintenance tasks to create a safe environment for all to appreciate.

Another task that John was involved with is the creation of a countryside park orchard.

John wrote the Tree Strategy for Brundall, and your Chairman and councillors were happy with the content, and it was adopted by the council.

One thing I will point out is when John was Chairman of the council he originally put the award in place.

Richard Farley

Brundall parkrun Director Team

Nominees: The Brundall parkrun Run Director Team (*Nick Eley, James Howlett, Vikki Harper, Sarah Wiltshire, and Marie Kenworthy*)

I am writing to nominate the Run Director (RD) team at Brundall parkrun for the John Evans Good Citizen Award. While parkrun is a global movement, the success and unique spirit of our local event are entirely dependent on the dedication, care, and unpaid labor of this specific leadership team.

Consistent Service & Scale of Impact

Since 2015, this team has ensured the Countryside Park hosts a free, safe, and welcoming event every Saturday morning. Their impact is best demonstrated by the numbers, but driven by their heart:

Longevity: Celebrating 10 years of service to the village.

Reach: Facilitating nearly **50,000 finishes** since inception, with an average of 100 participants weekly.

Leadership: Coordinating a rotating roster of 20 volunteers each week to ensure the event runs seamlessly.

A Community Hub

The RD team has transformed a "running event" into a vital community lifeline. Their work extends well beyond a Saturday morning

They work closely with Yare Valley Churches to support the Community Pantry.

They act as mentors for Duke of Edinburgh students, providing local young adults with leadership opportunities and a sense of responsibility.

They are fostering a "vibe" that other events envy, they have created a space where people come just for coffee and conversation, providing an essential social outlet for residents.

Why They Deserve This Recognition

I am sure none of the team would ask for recognition, but many have given up many hours to volunteer at Brundall parkrun.

They manage the safety of the runners, walkers and park, the complexity of results processing, and the nuances of volunteer management with quiet efficiency.

Whether it is someone's 1st park walk or their 500th run, the RD team ensures every participant feels seen and valued. This "special something" we have in Brundall isn't an accident; it is the direct result of the hours Nick, James, Vikki, Sarah, and Marie spend behind the scenes. They are the backbone of our community's Saturday mornings.

Stuart Harper