

John Evans Good Citizen Award 2026

The John Evans Good Citizen Award is presented each year by the Parish Council to a person or team who have provided exceptional service to our local community.

The award is named after John Evans who was a stalwart of our community in Brundall especially in his service to the scout movement. John was a founder member of 2nd Brundall Scouts and Group Scout Leader, as well as holding the position of District Commissioner. Together with his wife Sheila, who was the head librarian in Brundall library, they epitomized community service.

Three nominations were shortlisted for this year's award.

In third place:

John Fleetwood who was involved in setting up the Broadland Tree Warden Network, being Chairman and Coordinator since its creation and has recently retired from these roles. He was tree warden for Brundall for many years and helped create Church Fen. He also spent many hours at Low Farm Wood to create a safe environment for all to appreciate as well as being involved in the creation of the Countryside Park orchard

In second place:

Brundall parkrun Director Team who have been responsible since 2015 for ensuring that Brundall Countryside Park hosts a free, safe, and welcoming event every Saturday morning. With over 460 successful events completed, and over 50,000 finishes, the run Director Team brings together a team of volunteers to ensure that the event runs seamlessly. In partnership with Yare Valley Churches, providing refreshments, parkrun in Brundall remains an important community event every week thanks to the commitment and dedication of the parkrun Director Team of Nick Eley, James Howlett, Vikki Harper, Sarah Wiltshire, and Marie Kenworthy as well as the Event Director, Stuart Harper.

The winner of the John Evans award this year is Roger Wiltshire

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Roger was nominated for the John Evans Award in recognition of his tireless dedication to the Brundall parkrun. A resident of our village for many years, Roger has become an indispensable pillar of the Brundall parkrun, embodying the spirit of selfless volunteering.

Although Roger has never run or walked the Brundall parkrun course at an event he has amassed over 200 volunteering credits at Brundall. Also affectionately known as 'King Roger', he is a key part of our parkrun community. He has regularly undertaken the role of timekeeper (completing that role 109 times), a role which worries most people, but Roger has always been keen to take the role and ensure all participants receive an accurate time. He trains and helps new timekeepers with the process and makes them feel at ease and part of the team.

Roger can now often be found as a marshall at the top of the 'travelator' encouraging runners and walkers with a friendly update on their time

All the Run Directors love it when Roger has put his name down as a volunteer, he is a very safe pair of hands and experienced volunteer in many of the supporting roles

He has helped a number of the younger Duke of Edinburgh volunteers with training and it is great to see the younger people look to Roger for help and guidance.

The relationships formed go wider than parkrun and Roger can often be seen chatting to Duke of Edinburgh volunteers in the village.

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

I am delighted to present Roger with the John Evans Good Citizen Award for 2026. Very many congratulations.