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Bexhill-on-Sea town council launches new awards for local heroes

- **“Freedom of the Town” awards are for local people who have made an outstanding and lasting contribution to life in Bexhill**
- **Nominations for the awards will open in January 2022**

Bexhill-on-Sea town council has launched a new award scheme for local heroes.

The “Freedom of the Town” awards are for anyone within the Bexhill community who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to life in the town.

This contribution could be for artistic and cultural endeavours, business efforts, charitable and environmental work, political activity, religious and spiritual life, or sporting activities.

Nominations for the awards – which can be given to both individuals and groups – can be made in January and February 2022, through the Bexhill-on-Sea town council website: www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

Application forms will also be available from the town hall. Children and adults can all be nominated for awards.

Award winners will be chosen by the town council at a special meeting in April, and awards will be presented at a special reception in a local venue.

Winners will be given a “Freedom scroll” signed by the Mayor, Cllr Paul Plim.

Mayor Paul Plim said: “We are very lucky in Bexhill to have so many brilliant people who make a huge contribution to improving life in our town for us all.

“From those volunteers who quietly make a real difference, to the sports, community and faith groups who are the beating heart of Bexhill, and to the businesses who go the extra mile for our town.

“Now it’s time for Bexhill-on-Sea town council to say a proper ‘Thank You’ to them for all that hard work and dedication with these honorary awards.

“Giving someone the Freedom of the Town is one of our oldest surviving traditional ceremonies, and I really look forward to presenting the awards for the first time in the Spring.

“Please support the awards and make your nominations for Bexhill’s heroes this January.”

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Notes to editors:

- Applications for awards open on Wednesday 4 January 2022 at www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk

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