1. In order to nominate someone, you must be 18 or over (if you’re under 18 please ask your parent or guardian to nominate on your behalf) and a UK resident (including Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) and not be a BBC or BBC Group company employee, employee of any of its affiliates, close relative of any such employees or connected to the awards competition directly or through a close relative.

2. Any person who is a resident in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire or Hertfordshire is eligible to be nominated, except BBC or BBC Group company employees, employees of any of its affiliates, close relatives of any such employees or connected to the award directly or through a close relative. Proof of age, identity and eligibility may be requested.

3. Nominations will be open at 0800 on Monday 29th June 2020 and close at 2359 on 21st August 2020. Entries received outside of these dates will not be considered.

4. Winners will be announced throughout the week commencing 21st September 2020. The BBC will also broadcast/publish the names (and ages for the Young Achiever Award) of the winners.

5. Nominations can be made via the link on the BBC Three Counties webpage www.bbc.co.uk/threecountiesradio. Listeners will be pointed towards the form through verbal, audio and online means including social media. Nominations can also be made by post to BBC 3 Counties Radio Court Drive Grove Park Dunstable LU5 4GP, using the downloadable form available online. No other entry will be accepted.

6. The nominee must know that they are being nominated and, if they are aged 17 or under on 21st August 2020, permission from the parent or guardian of the nominee must be sought before nominating the individual.

7. There are ten categories:

**Health Care**

Recognising the men and women of the NHS for whom going to work is often a matter of life and death. This is your chance to say thank you to those people who came to your rescue in your time of greatest need. Or for people in the NHS to recognise an exceptional friend or colleague. They don't have to be clinical staff, they could be among the many thousands of support workers who make a crucial contribution to the NHS.

**Social Care**

This is for professional or volunteer carers who have gone the extra mile to ensure those in their care have continued to get the best possible support, despite the difficult circumstances. Or for someone who has shown exceptional dedication to their caring role at any time in the last 12 months.

**Young Achiever**
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We're looking for a young person (under 18 on 21st August 2020) who has made an outstanding contribution to their community or achieved something great against the odds. It could be specifically related to the Coronavirus pandemic, but doesn't have to be.

**Good Neighbour**

This category is for an individual or group that helps make your neighbourhood a better place to live, particularly now. This could be through an exceptional single act of kindness or a consistent effort to ensure that local people have a better quality of life.

**Fundraiser**

This award is for an individual or group who has shown exceptional commitment to raise funds for a charity or good cause. It could be because they have met an ambitious fundraising target or because they go above and beyond the call of duty to raise money.

**Volunteer**

Many organisations rely on the work of volunteers, no more so than now. But do you know an outstanding volunteer or group of volunteers who give much of their time to help others or who have volunteered for a long time? This is your chance to recognise them.

**Education**

Nurseries, schools and colleges have been at the front line during the Coronavirus pandemic. But is there one member of staff that has been an outstanding ambassador for their profession? If so, now is your chance to recognise them in this category.

**Faith**

Faith groups have gone the extra mile to support those in need at this time. Whether it's places of worship doing online services or delivering meals to people in need, this award recognises an individual or organisation from a recognised faith group which has gone beyond the call of duty to support others.

**Emergency services**

This award is for the blue light services who put the needs of others ahead of their own every day. But is there one person who has excelled in this area and deserves recognition? This is your chance to say thank you.

**Corona Hero**

There are many thousands of people in Beds, Herts and Bucks whose work is crucial to the well-being of the nation at the moment. Whether they work in supermarkets, deliver
mail and parcels or drive lorries, if they are your corona hero you can nominate them here.

To nominate, you must submit: your name, your contact details, nominee’s name and contact details, and details of why the nominee should be considered (how they meet the criteria for that category).

8. The nominator must also state that they know of no reason why the nominee’s past or current conduct may affect the reputation or image of these awards or the British Broadcasting Corporation.

9. The nominator warrants that the facts provided are true and accurate to the best of their knowledge but the BBC may contact both the nominator and nominee (or if relevant their parent or guardian) to verify facts and/or events and whether the relevant consents have been obtained. This should not be interpreted as anything other than an information gathering exercise.

10. The judging panel will consist of representatives from the local community.

11. A gold, silver and bronze winner will be selected by the judges for each category. One overall winner from all categories will also be chosen by the judges.

12. The winners will be contacted prior to the BBC announcing the winners and they agree to keep details of the awards confidential until the winners are officially announced by the BBC.

13. The winners may be asked to participate in creating content to be used in connection with the awards and will be expected to confirm consent to this in writing by signing standard contributor consent forms (or their parent or guardian signing on their behalf).

14. The winners agree to take part in any post-award publicity if required.

15. The BBC’s decision is final. No correspondence relating to the awards will be entered into.

16. All questions on the online form are mandatory and all information must be provided in order for the form to be valid. Incomplete or forms with little or no information will not be considered by the judges.

17. The BBC reserves the right to: (i) amend these terms and conditions, including but not limited to, the award opening and closing times and the programmes included; (ii) disqualify any nomination where the person nominated or the nominator breaches the rules or has acted fraudulently in any way; (iii) cancel the Award, at any stage, if in its opinion it is deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside its control.

18. The BBC, its sub-contractors, subsidiaries and/or agencies cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem which may result in any entry being lost or not properly registered.
19. This Award, to the extent that it applies, accords with the BBC's Code of Conduct for Competitions and Voting, details of which can be found at: BBC Competitions Policy [https://www.bbc.co.uk/editorialguidelines/guidance/code-of-conduct](https://www.bbc.co.uk/editorialguidelines/guidance/code-of-conduct)

20. The promoter of the awards is the British Broadcasting Corporation and the applicable law is the laws of England and Wales