



## Categories

Awards are open to residents of all ages in Darlington and will celebrate achievements which took place in 2009. The awards celebrate unpaid work carried out by nominees or commitment that goes beyond the call of duty in their everyday work.

**Contribution to the Community (2 Awards – one for adults, one for young people):** Groups or individuals who are involved in activities aimed at improving their community. **Sponsored by Darlington Borough Council (Adult) and Sherwoods Chevrolet (Young People)**

**Carer of the Year:** Nominees can have a paid or non-paid caring role, whether they look after a friend, relative or neighbour in their own home or elsewhere. **Sponsored by Darlington PCT**

**Neighbour from Heaven:** Given to a person or people who have demonstrated outstanding help or kindness to their neighbours. **Sponsored by Soroptimists International, Darlington & District**

**Putting Darlington on the Map Award:** An individual, company or group who have made the rest of the country or wider world more aware of Darlington during 2009. **Sponsored by The Northern Echo**

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Groups or individuals who have made a major contribution to sport in Darlington, either by the excellence of their performance, commitment to organising activities, or by being role models to others in their attitude to sport. **Sponsorship to be confirmed**

**Contribution to the Arts:** Groups or individuals of any age who have made a major contribution to the arts in Darlington, either by the excellence of their performance, commitment to organising activities, or by being role models to others in their attitude to the arts. **Sponsorship to be confirmed**

**Contribution to the Environment:** Community groups or businesses who are having a positive impact on the environment through projects or particular initiatives, e.g.: improving wildlife habitats, reducing carbon footprint or improving open spaces. **Sponsored by Groundwork West Durham & Darlington**

**Contribution to Business:** Any business in the borough can be nominated. The award will recognise a firm that has had extraordinary achievement over a period of time, made an extra commitment to its workers or promoting the borough as a vibrant and prosperous place to live. **Sponsored by Open Reach**

**Academic Excellence:** Any person who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement that deserves wider recognition. **Sponsored by Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College**

**Student of the Year:** Any person who has shown commitment and determination to study or has achieved success in spite of difficult or demanding circumstances. The person could also have made a contribution to the wider community, or have involvement in outside activities for personal development. **Sponsored by Darlington College**

**Volunteer of the Year:** Awarded annually by eVOLution Darlington – contact them for nomination details on 01325 266888. **Sponsored by eVOLution Darlington**

**The Big Snap:** Photography Competition run by the Media Workshop – contact them for nomination details on 01325 488139. **Sponsored by the Marchday Group plc, owners of Lingfield Point.**

**Winners of each category will go forward to be considered for the Citizen of the Year Award or the Rotary Young Citizen of the Year Award**