



## **The King's Award for Voluntary Service**

### **Nominate Your Local Volunteer Heroes in Lancashire**

Do you know an exceptional volunteer group positively impacting the lives of others in your local community and who deserve recognition from His Majesty The King?

#### **ABOUT THE AWARD**

The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II. It is the highest award given to local volunteer groups, is equivalent to the MBE and is awarded for life.

#### **WHO CAN BE NOMINATED FOR THE AWARD**

Any volunteer-led group undertaking work in their local community can be nominated; however they must satisfy some basic criteria:

- Be made up of three or more people.
- Be based in the UK, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.
- Have over half its volunteers eligible to live in the UK.
- Be led by volunteers not by paid staff.
- Provide a specific and direct benefit to the local community.
- Have been running for more than three years.

#### **HOW TO NOMINATE**

Submit your nomination online: [kavs.dcms.gov.uk](https://kavs.dcms.gov.uk)

More information: [kingsaward@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:kingsaward@dcms.gov.uk)

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Royal recognition
- Signed certificate from His Majesty The King
- Award crystal
- Invitations to Royal Garden Parties
- Right to use Award emblem on promotional material and website

### Previous Lancashire winners have said:

“Winning The King’s Award for Voluntary Service has increased morale, given us a renewed sense of purpose and a determination to continue our work in the community. We are grateful for the recognition that the Award has brought to our club, and we will continue to serve our community with passion and dedication.”

“We are convinced the recognition helped us gain grant funding late last year. We are very proud to have received the Award.”

“An uplifting experience which has brought many benefits which include increased membership, new volunteer activities in the Friends group.”

