Chair of Somerset Council

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Dear Clerks of Council,

Re: The Chair's Awards for Service to the Community 2026

As Chair of Somerset Council, I am holding our annual award ceremony for Service to the Community on Friday 16th October 2026 and I invite you to make your nomination using the enclosed nomination form. The event will be held at Taunton Rugby Football Club, Hyde Lane, Bathpool, Taunton, TA2 8BU, from 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm.

Please note the following:

- Each council can make one nomination only, for either an individual, a couple or a group, which should be made **via the parish, town or city council only** to avoid duplication.
- Nominees should not be in receipt of any previous community award.
- Nominees must live or operate within the parish, town or city.
- Nominees should not be told about their nomination.
- The deadline for nominations is **Friday 24th July 2026**
- If successful nominators (or seconders in their absence) will be invited to the award presentation, so please keep the date of the awards free – Friday 16th October 2026 (6.00 pm – 10.00 pm). Please type the name of the Nominator/Seconder on the attached form – no need to print and sign.
- Due to limited seating at the venue, seating will be allocated on the following basis; -
  - Single award winners, plus a guest, and the nominator (3 places)
  - Couples award winners, and the nominator (3 places)
  - For groups – 2 from the group, and the nominator (3 places)

Please return nomination forms preferably via email, to Stephanie Gold, at civic@somerset.gov.uk or via post to: Stephanie Gold, Somerset Council, County Hall, The Crescent, Taunton, TA1 4DY, if you are unable to return via email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries in this respect.

With very best wishes



Cllr Mike Best
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