

Criteria for Nominations

In considering possible candidates for the office of High Sheriff the following criteria apply:

- Candidates must principally reside in, or at least have a beneficial interest in property in the County.
- Candidates should have proven good people skills, have the ability to listen, to communicate, to relate to others on a personal or professional level and to convene and connect. To have empathy for others and a willingness to work together toward the common good.
- Candidates must be of good character and abide by the Nolan Principles in upholding and enhancing the ancient Office of High Sheriff.
- Candidates must have either demonstrated service to the Community or a clear willingness to serve the Community;
- Candidates must confirm, before appointment, that they have the time and commitment to fulfil the role
- Whilst Candidates must be clear that every High Sheriff will incur expenditure during his/her year in office and all costs come from their own pocket, the level of expenditure remains firmly in the control of each High Sheriff as it is they who decide what they do during their year in office. The ability to meet such costs is not a bar to nomination.

The principal duties of High Sheriffs include:

- Lending support to the principal organs of the Constitution within the County, namely the Royal Family, the Judiciary, the Police, the Prison services and other law enforcement agencies, the emergency services, local authorities and all recognised church and faith groups;
- Ensuring the welfare of visiting High Court Judges, attending on them at Court and offering them hospitality;
- Taking an active part in supporting and promoting the voluntary sector within the County in particular those connected with crime prevention; in particular chairing meetings of the Surrey High Sheriff Youth Awards Council
- As Patron, supporting the Surrey Volunteer Police Cadets
- Supporting the Lord-Lieutenant, when invited to do so, on the occasion of Royal visits and on other occasions as appropriate;
- Upholding and enhancing the ancient Office of High Sheriff and making a meaningful contribution to the County during the year of Office.

The Nomination Panel will also consider:

- The need to encourage diversity, relative to the County, in the range of persons appointed;
- The need to ensure broad geographical representation of all parts of the County.