

Provides and overview of, and key
information about, the Rotary Club of
Nottingham's Children of Courage
Awards

Children of Courage 2026

Information and Overview

"Courage in the face of adversity"

Rotary Club of Nottingham Children of Courage Awards 2026

Nomination Information Pack

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Introduction to the Awards

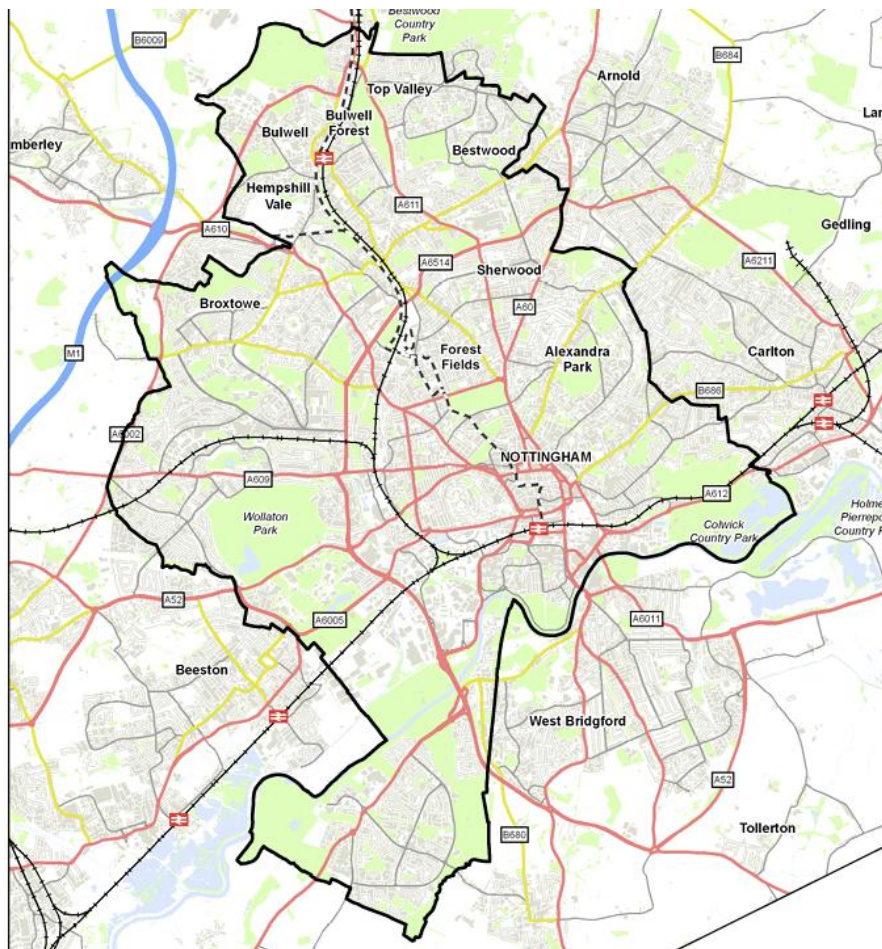
Our annual Children of Courage awards celebrate the remarkable strength, bravery, and resilience of young people in our community. These awards recognise children who have faced challenging circumstances, whether through illness, disability, or personal hardship, and have shown incredible courage in overcoming them. The event brings together families, friends, and supporters to honour their inspiring stories.

The awards recognise young people of Nottingham who stand out from the crowd and have shown great personal achievement, by doing something that has made a difference to themselves or to those around them or shown great courage in the face of great adversity. The awards embody and celebrate courage, resilience, bravery and altruism. Not all nominations will embody all four qualities, some may demonstrate some of each, or predominantly one. In either case it is important to shine a light on the fortitude young people in our community possess.

Who is eligible?

We welcome nominations from schools, or other educational, youth focussed organisations.

The young person being nominated must reside within the Nottingham City boundary



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If the young person being nominated does not reside within this area, please do explore these other opportunities to formally recognise their achievements:

Rotary Club of Mansfield Children of Courage awards: [Rotary Club of Mansfield UK](#)

Rotary Club of Newark Castle Children of Courage awards: <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=948823&ClubID=1610>

Nottinghamshire 4Uth Awards: [4Uth award | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

Other nomination criteria:

- The young person must be between the ages of 5 and 18
- You must show how the young person has demonstrated one or more of the following:
 - Overcome great personal adversity
 - Shown great courage
 - Performed a selfless act
 - Faced a traumatic experience

What we are looking for

We will be looking at how clearly each nomination demonstrates the following qualities.

Courage - The nomination describes how the individual has risen to overcome their own fears or challenges and achieved personal growth and development. They have been ready and willing to face the situation despite any fear, trepidation or mental/physical/emotional adversity

Resilience - The nomination describes how the individual has demonstrated their capacity to withstand the rigours of their challenges, adversity and the determination to overcome the situation.

Bravery - The nomination describes how the individual has demonstrated their mental or moral strength to face their unique challenges or situations. Has shown the ability to confront frightening or difficult things.

Altruism – The nomination describes how the individual has made a difference to the life of someone else or to the lives of those around them.

What is the Nomination Process?

Nominations will **open on 12th January 2026**. Please email cat@nottinghamrotary.org for a nomination form. You will be asked to provide your details, details of the person being nominated, and a parental signature of consent to the nomination. You will be asked to write (in no more than 300 words) your reasons for nominating this person. We encourage you to use examples wherever possible to show how this child, or young person has shown the attributes described above

As the person making the nomination you will become the main point of contact for any communication regarding the award and will be required to pass on any relevant information to the child and their parent/carer throughout the process.

Once the nomination window closes on 13th February 2026, an independent panel will review all our nominations. Unfortunately, as much as we would love to offer an award to all the amazing nominations we receive, this is just not possible. The person who has submitted the nomination will be informed of the outcome. If the person nominated is offered an award, then a winner's information pack will be sent out telling you the next steps. If we are not able to offer an award, the person nominated will be recognised with a certificate of commendation; we will contact you to arrange this.

Where Will the Awards Ceremony be Held?

The Children of Courage Awards 2026 ceremony will be held at the Nottingham Crowne Plaza hotel on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th May 2026. Award winners will be able to bring 4 guests with them.

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/nottingham/notws/hoteldetail>

Key Dates



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