



PENZANCE COUNCIL

THE BRIAN SPIEGELHALTER CITIZEN AND YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Penzance Council has an annual award made to the Penzance Citizen of the Year in recognition of a special service to the community.

There is also a Youth Award and the awards are known as the Brian Spiegelhalter Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards.

The Awards were started in 2003 by the late Brian Spiegelhalter (previous Mayor of Penzance) of B.J. Spiegelhalter & Son to celebrate the work of local people and their important contributions to our Parish community. B.J. Spiegelhalter & Son continue to support the awards by providing engraved pewter plates which are presented to the winners and a representative of the business also sits on the decisions panel.

The awards are made at the Annual Council Meeting and each successful nominee will receive a presentation from the Mayor of Penzance.

CRITERIA

1. Residents and those who work or study in the Parish of Penzance (which includes Newlyn, Mousehole, Paul, Heamoor, Gulval, and Eastern Green) are eligible.
2. Nominations can be made for a wide range of activities, including:
 - Community involvement – such as delivering an innovation or idea that has a profound impact in aid of the community
 - Providing extraordinary service to the community – going the extra mile
 - Selfless actions that affect/involve others to improve the quality of life
 - An outstanding achievement – for example, an act of bravery
 - Gaining exceptional recognition for Penzance at Regional/National level
 - Outstanding achievement in their field – such as sports or culture
 - Significantly improving the environment of our town or village communities

INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Persons who are employed, or otherwise paid to provide a service to the community, shall not be eligible to receive an award as far as that service is concerned.
2. Previous winners of the award(s).
3. Incomplete or inaccurate information supplied by either Nominator or Nominee.
4. The justification provided by the Nominator does not meet any of the above criteria for award.
5. There is evidence of lobbying for a specific Nominee. Such lobbying is to Councillors, Officers, and/or friends of the Nominee.
6. The Nominator or Nominee has an outstanding unpaid bill with the Council.
7. The Nominator or Nominee are in a current or recent (within 5 years) dispute with the Council, involved in legal action with the Council, or have been fined by the Council.
8. The Nominator or Nominee has previously had funding withdrawn or clawed back by the Council as a result of their actions or the actions of the organisation they represent.
9. The Nominator or Nominee has disrupted a past Council meeting, awards process, ceremony, or a consultation event of the Council or has acted in any form of malicious or misleading way which has caused the Council to utilise resources to correct the record/media or stop the behaviour of that individual concerned.

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Any member of the public can nominate an individual who fits the above criteria.
2. No Councillor will be eligible to be nominated or to nominate.
3. Nomination forms are available from Penzance Council's website, by email: info@penzance-tc.gov.uk, or from the Council Offices - Penlee Centre, Penlee Park, Penzance, TR18 4HE. Only fully completed forms will be accepted.

PANEL DECISION

1. Nominations will be considered by a panel comprised of the Town Mayor, the Town Clerk and a representative of B.J. Spiegelhalter & Son.
2. Penzance Council reserves all rights in relation to the decisions and validity of nominations (or any subsequent disqualification of entries).
3. The decisions of the panel will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding those decisions.

OTHER CONDITIONS

1. An award may be made posthumously.
2. An unsuccessful nomination can be considered the following year, using the same nomination form.
3. Should no nominations be received for a category then no award will be made. In this instance, Penzance Council reserves the right not to make an award.