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Time is running out to get nominations in for the second ever Peterborough Civic Awards that recognise the work of unsung local heroes.

Peterborough City Council is asking people to nominate individuals or groups they think deserve to be recognised for their efforts and achievements.

The awards put the spotlight on individuals who selflessly make a difference day in, day out. This could include volunteering, community work, helping neighbours or carrying out an act of bravery.

The categories for the awards are as follows:

- Young Person
- Lifetime Achievement
- Community Involvement
- Business
- Environment
- Contribution to Art and Culture
- Contribution to Sport

Winners at the inaugural event included Brian Pearce for his work at the Railworld Wildlife Haven which benefits the environment and the community and the Mask Theatre for producing successful theatre productions in Peterborough for many years.

Steponas Bronius Vaitkevicius won the Lifetime Achievement award for being a leader of the Lithuanian Society and head of various organisations spanning 30 years of voluntary service.

Councillor Peter Hiller, chairman of the city council's Honours Panel, said: "This is about recognising the unsung heroes in our city – the people who are making a difference all year round.

"Those who received awards at the first event felt deeply honoured to be recognised for their efforts.

"It would be really pleasing to see the same standard and level of nominations this year so I would urge you to get entries in as soon as you can ahead of the deadline at the end of this month."

Nomination forms are available to download on the council's website, <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/council/civic-awards/> (<http://track.vuelio.uk.com/z.z?l=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucGV0ZXJib3JvdWdoLmdvdi51ay9jb3VuY2IsL2NpdmljLWF3YXJkcy8%3d&r=5449609680&d=1361906&p=1&t=h&h=c9703a93bdba2b9fbe93ea9fcf39250>), from the Town Hall reception, or by emailing civicaward@peterborough.gov.uk

Nominations can also be posted to Danielle Wright, Civic Awards, Governance Department, Peterborough City Council, Town Hall, Peterborough, PE1 1HG.

The closing date for nominations is 5pm on Friday 30 October.

Following the closing date all nominations will be passed to the Honours Panel which will meet in November to draw up a shortlist of finalists and select the winner of each award category.

The winners of the Civic Awards will be announced at the council meeting on 9 December. Winners will be presented with awards at a Civic Awards ceremony in February 2016.

