

**Community Pride
Award criteria**

We are looking to recognise the community champions of East Suffolk that facilitate, participate and enable engagement, demonstrating the power of giving back to the community.

The Community Pride award is open to any business/organisation/volunteer group/individual within East Suffolk, who actively engage in providing social value by supporting and working with their local community.

This category seeks to recognise those who enhance their localities and the lives of people living in them, who share their resources and talent with the local community.

**How to enter**

1. **Check out our East Suffolk area map to ensure your business is within the entry area**
2. **Download and fill in our application form**
3. **Tell us about your business (approx.1000 words) this could include some of the following; Your history, customers, competitors, challenges, opportunities, your vision and anything else that you feel is relevant.**
4. **For your entry wording/evidence (no limit on this wording) the judges will be looking for** **examples of:**
* Your initiatives that benefit and support your local community
	+ Evidence of support – ie Fundraising/Donations/Collections/Sponsorship
	+ Investment of time – ie
	Volunteering to help local schools or clubs or renovation of local parks/litter picking etc
	+ How many of your employees are involved in these initiatives, and what benefits do they, and the local residents/community get from this?
	+ How has this motivated and engaged the management and staff within your organisation?
	+ Provide evidence/testimonials of what has been achieved and what practices are in place to ensure that vital work of this sort continues in the future.
	+ How has your contribution had a positive impact on your community?
	+ Any accolades and testimonials.
	+ Anything else relevant you wish to share?
1. **Tell us why you believe your organisation deserves to win the Suffolk Chamber East Suffolk – Community Pride Award (max 500 words)**

If you are selected as one of our category finalists, our judges for this category may wish to visit your business, they will arrange this direct with yourselves at a date and time convenient to both parties.