

WHAT IS NATIONAL CRIMEBEAT?

National Crimebeat is the youth crime prevention charity of the High Sheriffs' Association in England and Wales. The Charity encourages young people (between 5 and 25 yrs) to work together to combat crime. This may well include young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who, by being engaged in such projects, are encouraged to keep each other safe and crime free.

The prestigious National Crimebeat Awards Ceremony, is held in a London hotel in March each year and gives recognition to the most innovative and successful crime prevention projects carried out by young people throughout the counties of England and Wales. Projects can be submitted from any organisation whatever their name – THEY DO NOT HAVE TO COME WITHIN THE AMBIT OF A COUNTY CRIMEBEAT ORGANISATION.

The winners each receive a certificate and a medal and the organisation they represent receives a framed certificate and cheque. After the ceremony and lunch all the finalists are given a tour of London on an open top 'BIG BUS' and a trip on the 'LONDON EYE'. The Trustees, who do not receive any form of remuneration, secure sponsorship for and organise the annual ceremony.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A HIGH SHERIFF?

This is a relatively simple but very effective role for a High Sheriff which really helps to 'get under the skin' of their county. Once in office High Sheriffs will come into contact with organisations who may be aware of, or can help identify suitable projects e.g.: City/County Councils (through Community Safety Departments), Police and Crime Commissioners, Local Community Foundations, Police (who often work in partnership with councils and the voluntary sector) and Volunteer Police Cadets.

High Sheriffs are the link between the awards ceremony and the crime-beating projects which cannot be submitted without their endorsement. High Sheriffs who have projects in the finals will be invited to the awards ceremony and encouraged to invite county supporters such as MPs, PCCs and especially their county's High Sheriffs in Nomination as this gives first-hand experience, before taking up office, of the excellent encouragement that National Crimebeat can give to young people. It also introduces them to the initiative and gives an opportunity to meet the people involved.

THIS SHEET PROVIDES DETAILS OF THE NATIONAL CRIMEBEAT ANNUAL AWARDS AND HOW TO ACCESS THE AWARDS DURING YOUR SHRIEVAL YEAR. IN ADDITION THE INFORMATION (AND RELATED BROCHURE) WILL HELP YOU WHILST PREPARING FOR YOUR OFFICE TO CONSIDER HOW YOU WILL IDENTIFY PROJECTS BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR COUNTY TO CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES, HOW TO ENCOURAGE AN APPLICATION AND HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR ENTRY TO THE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY.

PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE £1,000

SECOND PRIZE £750

THIRD PRIZE £500

One winning entry was a youth group who had written a short film to deliver a message about the dangers of sexting. This film is available nationally on DVD. For details of other previous winners please go to www.national-crimebeat.org.uk



HOW DOES IT WORK? There are two categories of awards:

Youth led is for groups where the idea for the project came from the young people who are then also responsible for running the project.

Adult led is for groups where the project was developed by others (adults) but where the young people have a significant role in the management and delivery of the project.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 25 YEARS

The projects should have a beneficial effect on the community outside the group. Therefore a project that just keeps youngsters off the street is not acceptable. It should be aimed at reducing and / or preventing crime, well established, and with benefits already being achieved.

HOW TO APPLY – IT'S EASY – The leader of each project must complete Part A of the simple application form which can be downloaded from the website at www.national-crimebeat.org.uk (guidelines are provided as to how to complete the form) and they must clearly state with their submission:

PROJECT TITLE • CATEGORY OF ENTRY • COUNTRY

Once completed it should be sent before the closing date to the High Sheriff who will provide an endorsement at Part B and forward it by email to National Crimebeat at submissions@national-crimebeat.org.uk

Once the application has been submitted any supporting photographs, newspaper cuttings media interviews etc., relating to the project that would assist the judging panel can be sent on memory sticks and/or DVDs before the closing date to:

National Crimebeat, Heritage House, PO Box 21, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5SH

Extra copies of the brochure can be obtained from shrievalty@hall-mccartney.co.uk or downloaded from www.national-crimebeat.org.uk

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