



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY AWARDS POLICY 2025

In January each year the County presents a number of Awards at the County Conference to acknowledge the contribution and achievements which branches and/or individuals make towards the work of the Legion in Northamptonshire.

There are also a number of National Awards that are presented at the Legion's National Conference held in May each year. These include cups and shields for recruiting and membership, and also for progress and efficiency.

These awards are the way that County and National committees acknowledge the achievements of branches and individual members, who through hard work and commitment, have made a significant contribution to the work of the Royal British Legion.

As a county we are very keen to nominate branches and/or individuals for National Awards, but in order to do so we need the relevant information.

As well as helping the County Committee decide which branches/individuals deserve a county award, these nominations also assist us in deciding whether to nominate any branches and/or individuals for National or Regional Awards. For this reason, we would encourage all branches to complete and submit the relevant forms.

Some branches may not be aware of the awards process and the criteria for making an award.

Step 1 - Branch Award. Every branch is able to award a branch certificate to an individual who in their opinion has done something exceptional for the branch. The issuing of such an award should be included in the branch meeting minutes. These awards can be presented at any time.

Step 2 – County Award. Once a member has a branch certificate, they may then be nominated for a County Certificate of Appreciation. This will be considered by the County Committee and, if awarded, minuted as such and presented at the County Annual Conference.

Step 3 – National Award. Once a member has been awarded a County Certificate, they may be nominated for a National Award i.e. Gold Badge, National Life Membership and National Certificate of Appreciation (awarded in that order).

There are specific criteria which must be met for a National Awards. These are included in the Membership Handbook (October 2025) - they will not be awarded just because a person has both a Branch and County Certificate or Award.

In addition, there is also an East Midlands Membership Council (MC) Representative award – please see below.

COUNTY AWARDS

Below are the awards made by County:

COUNTY BRANCH AWARD

The Bill Rose Memorial Cup

This is awarded to the branch judged to have been the most effective and improved during the previous year as adjudicated through the Beacon Branches Scheme (details notified to all branches and available on the County website). This will be a branch that has been extremely active in the community, maintaining a high profile through social media and running events to benefit both the branch and the Poppy Appeal. They will be a fully compliant branch who demonstrates that they actively follow the rules contained in the Royal Charter and the Membership Handbook and maintain a good working relationship with the County Committee.

Branches who demonstrate that they are maintaining high standards but who are not awarded the Bill Rose Memorial Cup may be awarded a Beacon Branches Scheme Certificate (details on County website).

COUNTY AWARDS TO AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

County Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to an individual in recognition of their contribution or service to the County, or to their branch over an extended period.

The County Chairman's Award

Awarded to the outstanding County or branch member who has promoted the cause of the Royal British Legion, its beneficiaries and members during the last 12 months (October 2024 to September 2025). They will be a member of a compliant branch and active in several areas of the County/branch during the year covered by the award.

OTHER COUNTY AWARDS

Maxwell Challenge Cup

Awarded to the winner of the County Standard Bearer Competition.

N. B. Wiffin Trophy

Awarded to the runner-up in the County Standard Bearer Competition.

Poppy Appeal Awards (arranged by collaboration with the County Committee/Poppy Appeal Manager)

Albert Franklin Cup

Awarded to the CFR managed larger towns and PAO districts of the County for increase in £ per head of population raised for Poppy Appeal.

Cromwell Cup

Awarded to the traditionally smaller FRA (Fundraising Assistant) managed districts. These smaller districts are £10k or under and traditionally stay at that figure due to the geographical areas they cover.

Poppy Appeal Certificate of Appreciation

Awarded to the best overall PAO and Team.

How to Apply for County Awards

To nominate an individual member for consideration for a **County Certificate of Appreciation** above, please complete the attached County Award Form and submit:

By email: Northamptonshire.Secretary@rbl.community **by Friday 12th December 2025.**

REGIONAL AWARD

South-East Midlands Membership Council (MC) Representative Award

Awarded by the South-East Midlands Regional MC Representative to a member/members or branch/branches that the County Committee feels are worthy of this award.

The County Committee will submit a citation for each member or branch with details of how and why the award should be given to the individual member(s) or branch(es).

The closing date for all submissions to the South-East Midlands MC Representative **is Friday 12th December 2025.**

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County Certificate of Appreciation

*This form is to be completed by the Branch and returned to the County Secretary,
by no later than **12th December 2025***

Please use this section when nominating an individual member for a certificate. Provide more information on their activities over the period shown in the award criteria. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required).

Name of Branch: _____ **Branch Code: (BR)** _____

Name of individual member being nominated: _____

Award individual member is being nominated for: _____

Date awarded a Branch Certificate: _____

CITATION:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Branch Appointment: _____

