

Who Should be a Queen of Halton? Nominations Open Now

Saturday 28 March, 2026

More than 170 nominations were received last year. Organisers expect another strong response.

Nominations are open for the 2026 Queens of Halton Awards.

Founded in 2019 by Fortuna Female Society, the awards have become a key date in the Halton calendar. They recognise women and girls across Widnes, Runcorn and the wider borough.

People are invited to put names forward across seven categories. Nominations close in early May. Nominees can live, work or study within the Halton Borough region.

Across Halton, women and girls are making a difference every day. The awards give people the chance to put those names forward.

Queens of Halton Award categories

Jo Cox Make a Difference Award

For women who make a clear, positive difference to others in their community.

Volunteer of the Year Award

For women who give their time to support local people, groups or causes.

Ray of Light Award

For women who support and lift others when it is needed most

Rising Star Award (under 18)

For girls showing potential, determination or leadership in any area of life.

Woman in Business Award

For women who run or grow a business in Halton.

Community Leader of the Year Award

For women leading charities, community interest companies, grassroots groups or not-for-profit organisations that support the local community.

Queen of Culture Award

New for 2026. Recognises women contributing to Halton through arts, creativity and cultural activity.

Laura Bevan, Founder and Chair of Fortuna Female Society, said:

"We saw over 170 nominations come in last year. That tells you everything about what's happening across Halton. There are women running things, supporting others, building businesses and showing up every day. Most of them go unrecognised. You will already have a woman in mind who deserves a crown. Put her name forward. And don't stop at one."

Full details and the online nomination form are available at:

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