



Nantwich Town Crier Vacancy

Job Description

The post of Nantwich Town Crier is initially for the period of 1 year, after which there will be the option for renewal on an annual basis subject to the Town Council being satisfied with the performance of the person in question.

Responsibility

The appointee represents Nantwich and its residents, so you are expected to maintain a high standard of appropriate behaviour and courtesy at all times during your duties and at competitions. You are required to be clean, smart, sober, polite and jovial.

Costume

The appointee will receive items of clothing in order to perform their duties. These will remain the property of Nantwich Town Council and must be returned at the end of the appointment. Nantwich Town Council will reimburse dry cleaning costs for the uniform for up to but not exceeding three times per financial year.

Skills

Nantwich Town Crier is required to write a relevant cry for each event they are engaged. Approval will be required by the Town Clerk, or the Deputy, prior to performance. Word limit for cries is 100-200 words. All cries must commence with 'Oyez, Oyez, Oyez' and must conclude with 'God save the Queen'. All cries must be non-political and non-religious and must be in good taste and in the spirit of the role. You will be expected to have and develop a good local knowledge, with an understanding of the Town and its history.

Duties

It is anticipated you will attend Nantwich civic events. You will liaise with the Town Clerk regarding all matters concerning your role. It is also anticipated you will attend all major events in the Town.

There may be other important events to announce, all in consultation with the Town Clerk. It is anticipated you will be invited to perform cries throughout the year promoting various charitable events.

Many of the neighbouring villages may also wish to use your services at their summer fetes, attendance at these will be at your own discretion and subject to authority from the Town Clerk.

The Town Council reserves the right to refuse permission for any activity which they may consider inappropriate or contrary to the policies of the Town Council.

Voluntary position

The post of Town Crier is voluntary and unpaid however the Town Council agrees to give favourable consideration towards a nominal honorarium to contribute to wear and tear of parts of your attire not provided by the Council and as a token of the Council's gratitude.

Insurance

The Council agrees to include your position within its Public Liability Insurance.

Other income

Invitations to perform commercial cries for local businesses in the area, e.g. opening of stores, are both encouraged and allowed, subject to approval from the Town Clerk. Fees for such engagements will be negotiated by you and be yours to keep. The Council reminds you that such income must be declared to HMRC as appropriate.

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Membership

You are encouraged to join the nationwide Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers and the annual membership will be reimbursed to you.

Attendance at competitions, unless at your own expense, must be agreed in advance by the Town Council.

Please note:

Any person found by the Town Council to be in serious breach of any of the above conditions, or otherwise be considered as having brought the position into disrepute, will be immediately removed from the role of Nantwich Town Crier. Any person who has been dismissed by the Town Council from the post of Nantwich Town Crier, for bringing the position into disrepute, will not be eligible to hold the post at any other time in the future.

Terms & Conditions

The position of Town Crier for Nantwich is open to all applicants. It is desirable that applicants possess the following:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- An outgoing personality
- Reasonable knowledge of the history of Nantwich or be able to acquire some
- Proven reliability
- Driver's license
- Ability to project voice
- Strong ties to Nantwich

1. All applicants must have a strong desire to be the Town Crier for Nantwich.
2. Each applicant must complete an application form. The signed Application Form is evidence of the applicant's consent to these terms & conditions.
3. Applications not made in accordance with these terms and conditions will be invalid and not considered.
4. The decision of Nantwich Town Council to accept or reject an application is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
5. Nantwich Town Council will shortlist all qualifying applicants.
6. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a social gathering with fellow applicants and Councillors.
7. Invited applicants will be required to perform their cry to the public in the Town Square on a Saturday.
8. All decisions made in relation to the successful applicant and appointment of the new Town Crier will be final.

The position of Town Crier is an internationally recognised ancient and honourable position. Nantwich Town Crier is an honorary, voluntary post for which Nantwich Town Council acts as appointing body and agent. The Town Crier is a very public ambassador for Nantwich and as such the post holder will be expected to abide by certain rules. All applicants are requested to read the Job Description and Terms & Conditions before submitting an application.

APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT DETAILS (Please print clearly)		
Name		
Address		
Contact Numbers:	Home	Mobile
Email Address		
Do you have a current driver's licence? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Do you have any criminal convictions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide further details. Please note by signing this application, the successful applicant agrees to Nantwich Town Council completing a criminal history check prior to being engaged as the official Town Crier.		
Please explain why you would be suitable for the role of Nantwich Town Council's Town Crier.		
Continue on a separate page if required		

Please write below an original cry based on the theme 'Nantwich'. Your cry must be between 100-200 words.

DECLARATION

I have read and accept the Job Description and Terms & Conditions for the Nantwich Town Council Crier position

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Please send applications to Nantwich Town Council, Civic Hall, Market Street, Nantwich, CW5 5DG. Or email samantha.roberts@nantwichtowncouncil.gov.uk

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021