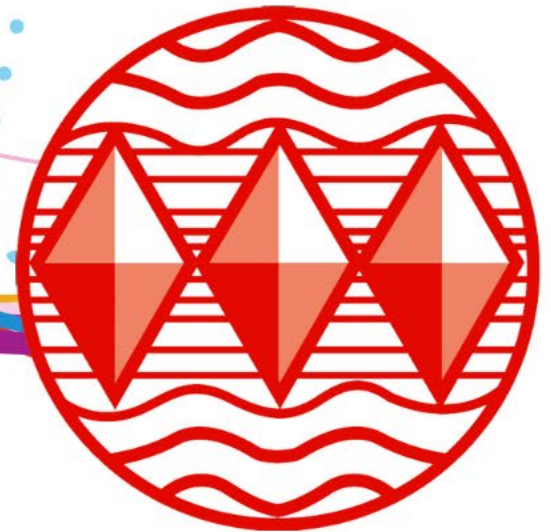




Young High Sheriff 2026/27

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What is the High Sheriff of Warwickshire?

The **High Sheriff of Warwickshire** is a senior ceremonial and community role held by an individual appointed for a one-year term.

The High Sheriff is the **King's representative in the county for matters relating to the justice system**, although the role is now largely ceremonial rather than having the extensive powers it historically had.

What are their responsibilities?

- Supporting the **courts, judiciary, police and criminal justice organisations.**
- Promoting the work of organisations involved in **crime prevention, rehabilitation and community safety.**
- Attending and hosting **ceremonial and civic events** across Warwickshire.
- Recognising and supporting **volunteers, charities and community organisations.**
- Acting as a link between the justice system and the wider community.

High Sheriff of Warwickshire

The High Sheriff is **not a politician, judge or police chief**, and they do not run Warwickshire.

The position is an ancient office with its origins in medieval England, but today it is primarily about **public service, civic representation and supporting the justice and voluntary sectors**.

The **current High Sheriff of Warwickshire is Susan Rasmussen**, serving for the **2026–27 shrieval year**. She was formally inaugurated at the Old Warwick Courthouse on **2 April 2026**.

The **YHS Programme lead is Gill Fletcher**.



High Sheriff of Warwickshire

- **Higham Lane School** has the honour of being the **Young High Sheriff School of the Year** for 2026/27 and as such, we need to appoint a **Young High Sheriff** from our student population.

It could be you!



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Why should you apply to be the Young High Sheriff this year?

As Young High Sheriff, you could:

- **Have your voice heard** – share your views about issues that matter to young people and help adults understand what young people really think.
- **Meet people you wouldn't normally meet** – including people working in the police, courts, charities, local organisations and other important roles.
- **Get involved in real projects** – help support activities and organisations that are making a difference to people across Warwickshire.
- **Build your confidence** – speaking to different people, attending events and representing other young people can really help you come out of your shell.
- **Develop useful skills** – leadership, communication, teamwork and public speaking are all skills that will help you at school, college, university and in future jobs.
- **Make a difference** – you can use the position to support causes you care about and encourage other young people to get involved.
- **Put something amazing on your CV or personal statement** – being Young High Sheriff is a unique experience that shows responsibility, leadership and commitment.
- **Have some great experiences** – you could attend events, visit different organisations and see parts of Warwickshire that you might never normally get to experience.

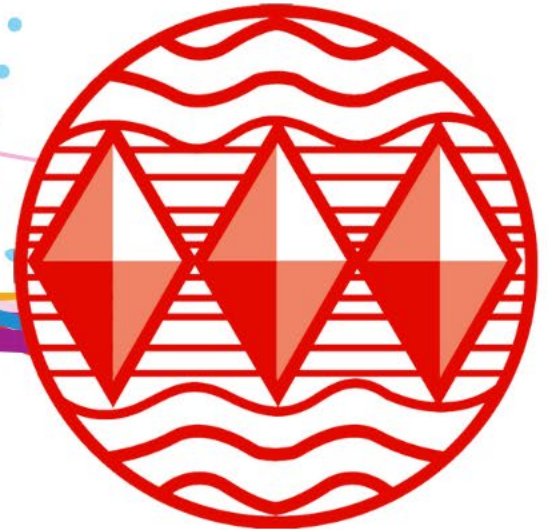


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Any questions for Susan
or Gill?



How to apply to be Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire

Young High Sheriff Competition 2026

Winner's Prize:

- ✕ £250 cash prize
- ✕ A day as Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire
- ✕ An eXcellent opportunity for your CV
- ✕ Two Runners-Up will win £50 vouchers
- ✕ Opportunities for all finalists to reduce crime
- ✕ Evidence for your Duke of Edinburgh Award



Open to students
in years 9-11 at
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Find out how to apply on
your school's website

Write an original 500 word essay, a poem of up to 500 words,
or produce a 3 minute video entitled "Why I would like to be
Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire for the day."



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The competition task;

- Produce a 3 minute video clip or write a 500 words in the form of an essay or poem on 'Why you want to be High Sheriff for the day'.

Within your response, you should include elements of the following;

1. What part/parts of the role of the High Sheriff interests you the most and why
2. Your own strengths, skills & experiences that make you a good candidate for the role of Young High Sheriff
3. What you would want to learn, or develop within yourself, if you were to be successful
4. How you might help improve your local community if you were successful



How to apply to be Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire

- Deadline for entries is **Monday 5th October**
- Upload your entry to the **Young High Sheriff Google Classroom page**
- 1st round of judging 8th October 2nd round of judging by 30th October
- Winner will be announced at the Young High Sheriff Competition Winners Event in November – date tbc.

Reminders

- £250 cash prize for winner
- £50 cash prize for two runners up
- A day with the High Sheriff in a support capacity, assisting them with formal duties on behalf of the King. Ceremonial dress to be worn.



Full details will be on Google Classroom & our school website later today

Future opportunities

- Feature in local press and TV channels
- Work with CrimeBeat to produce a youth facing strategy on ways to reduce crime in our community.
- Lead on workshops in school linked to the CrimeBeat strategy in the 'Have your Say' & 'Make a Difference' workshops
- Lead on active citizenship opportunities in school
- Represent the youth of Nuneaton in your duties – including visiting other schools to inform them of the ancient traditions surrounding the role of High Sheriff and embraces its modern purpose.

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