

Young High Sheriff Programme

For Schools, for Students and for Teachers



Competition: To find a Young High Sheriff from YOUR SCHOOL. The winner and two under sheriffs, (runners up) share £350 in cash prizes.

“Have your Say”: A workshop for students, to consider real issues of concern to them. Gives students and your school opportunities to influence community leaders, to tackle those issues.

“Make a Difference” initiative: 2 or 3 half-day workshops for students to get things done for themselves and turn their ideas into positive action plans.



Sophia Wilk, Young High Sheriff 2024/5 and Karen Lynch MBE, High Sheriff of Warwickshire 2025/6

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I want to make Rugby safer as fast and effectively as possible. No vague empty promises, only things that will actually happen.

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Sophie Hilleary, High Sheriff of Warwickshire 2023/4 and Aaron Dhesi, Young High Sheriff 2023/4

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It was all very helpful and I have gained many skills which I can take with me into my future. It was also very fun!

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Launch

Start of Autumn term, early September

Students attend the Young High Sheriff Programme Launch Assembly – formally delivered by the High Sheriff of Warwickshire at your school.

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Competition

by end September

Students produce their competition entries to find your school's Young High Sheriff

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Judging & Announcement of Winners

by October half-term

Community VIP judges assess competition entries and select a winner and two runners up.

A winners event for competition finalists; their families; teachers and local dignitaries is hosted by yourselves, to announce the winners and celebrate your talented students.

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“Have Your Say” half-day workshop

by October half-term

Up to 60 students attend the “Have Your Say” workshop. A whole school vote on the ideas presented finds the “most popular” concept. The students’ ideas and the school vote data are sent to relevant community leaders to influence local service planning and delivery.

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Make a Difference” student-led initiative

By Easter:

Two / three “Make a Difference” workshops are completed. Students plan in detail and collaborate with community experts to develop and deliver their “Make a Difference” initiative – supported by funding from Crimebeat, the High Sheriff’s Charity.

Support for your school, lead teachers and students:

- An easy-to-run programme, usually completed in two terms.
- Funding for the whole programme – from competition prizes to the costs of delivering the students' "Make a Difference" initiative.
- All resource packs are provided for you by the Crimebeat Young High Sheriff team, for example:
 - Competition guidance, rules and judging criteria.
 - Information and research material students will need to enter the competition.
 - Team of Community VIP judges and the packs they need for judging.
 - PowerPoint presentations and template results sheets for the "Have Your Say" workshops.
 - PowerPoint presentations and template plans for the "Make a Difference" workshops.
- Support and guidance for lead teachers throughout all stages of the programme from the Crimebeat team.

Time commitment for lead teachers:

- An easy-to-run programme, usually completed in two terms.
- Encourage students to enter the Young High Sheriff Competition – we need a minimum of 20 entries.
- If more than 20-25 entries are submitted, to short-list those entries to 20-25 finalists.
- Deliver / co-deliver the "Have Your Say" half day workshop and collate results.
- Deliver / co-deliver the two or three "Make a Difference" workshops and write-up plans / support students to write up their plans.
- Encourage students to work on their project delivery and help organise any timetable changes as necessary for students to deliver their "Make a Difference" initiatives.

Benefits for Students:

- Prestigious and unique leadership opportunity.
- Real-world skills and experience: assignment-style working; project management; public speaking; community engagement.
- Community impact and valuable experience for future career choices and personal statements.

Benefits for Lead Teachers:

- Career development for teachers by demonstrating hands on support for the Gatesby Benchmarks. Valuable business and community engagement skills, developed in the programme, help highlight career opportunities for students: Police and Crime commissioning; Research and Development; Project Management etc.
- Demonstrative community leadership and collaboration, delivering impact, visibility and local importance.
- Development of networks and connections beyond the school.

Benefits for Your School:

- Enhance your Ofsted profile - for all four areas of evaluation: quality of education; behaviour and attitudes; personal development and leadership and management and more specifically – evidence of community engagement and student leadership development.
- Showcase your school as a leader in youth engagement and social responsibility.
- Strengthen community relationships, positive public relations and injection of positive energy for your school.

Who is the High Sheriff and what are the opportunities For the Young High Sheriff and Under Sheriffs?

High Sheriff

The High Sheriff is one of only two representatives of the Monarch in the county and is appointed by His Majesty, The King. It's the oldest of the two royal appointments and dates back over 1000 years.

It is a year-long appointment and provides support for the Royal Family, the judiciary, the Police and the emergency services.

Importantly, the High Sheriff offers encouragement and support to those supporting the charity and voluntary sectors and actively encourages crime prevention. This means they are invited to attend events of thanks, encouragement or celebration of local people, groups or organisations and will also seek to convene or visit those that support the building of cohesive community.

Young High Sheriff

Your Young High Sheriff and Under Sheriffs will have the opportunity to act as an educator and an ambassador on the role of the King's High Sheriff within their peer groups. They will be invited to join the High Sheriff and attend three or more events, (formal and informal) in the year and undertake responsibilities to recognise outstanding charity and voluntary service within their community. At school, the Young High Sheriff and Under Sheriffs will have a leadership role: to promote and encourage attendance at the "Have Your Say" and "Make a Difference: workshops; that will take place in the months following the announcement of the competition winners.

As the High Sheriff is the ceremonial figurehead for law and order and the judiciary, the Young High Sheriff is the ceremonial figurehead for the Young High Sheriff programme at school.

The Young High Sheriff Programme harnesses the ancient traditions surrounding the role of High Sheriff and embraces its modern purpose.



Philip Seccombe, Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner; Sophia Wilk, YHS; Rajvinder Kaur Gill, High Sheriff of Warwickshire 2024/5; Emma Daniell, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner



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