



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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TOWN CRIER

Role & Duties

The role of Town Crier for Dorchester is a nationally renowned position that serves an important function both in terms of promoting the town and its heritage.

1. The postholder will be expected to attend all major civic events in the town as agreed in advance with the town clerk.
2. The postholder must write a relevant cry for each significant event that they are asked to attend. All cries should be up to 125 words long, commence with the words 'Oyez, Oyez, Oyez' and end with the words 'God Save the King'. All cries must be non-political, non-religious and in good taste with no inappropriate language.
3. The postholder will receive some financial assistance.
4. The post is strictly non-political and the postholder must not make statements (cries) of a political nature nor attend political events.
5. The postholder must have a good knowledge of the town and its history or be prepared to learn about the town.

The application process:

- To apply, please submit a letter to Dorchester Town Council by **12th February 2024** explaining why you feel you would be suitable for the role of Town Crier.
- Shortlisted applicants will be invited to meet with a small group of town councillors in late January or early February and then invited to perform in a nearby public location a 'cry' that they have written on a topic of their choosing.
- The appointment of the chosen candidate to the role of Town Crier will be presented to a meeting of the Town Council in February or March for ratification.

Please send your application letter to the Assistant Town Clerk at Dorchester Town Council, 19 North Square, Dorchester DT1 1JF or email: tonyhurley@dorchester-tc.gov.uk

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