



Norfolk and Suffolk Health and Care Awards 2026

Inspirational Leader Award

Geoff Stevens

Pathways Care Farm

Geoff Stevens is an inspirational leader whose vision and dedication have established Pathways Care Farm as a transformative community resource in Lowestoft, supporting individuals across Norfolk and Suffolk for over a decade. As co-founder, Geoff has created a safe, inclusive environment for people facing mental ill health, social isolation, learning disabilities, dementia, trauma and disadvantage. His leadership has turned a 13-acre site into a thriving space where individuals, volunteers and partners work together to build confidence, skills and a renewed sense of purpose.

Geoff leads with empathy, integrity and a firm belief in people's potential. He has fostered a culture of trust, collaboration and inclusivity, ensuring everyone feels valued and empowered. Despite ongoing financial challenges, he has demonstrated resilience and innovation, growing partnerships and expanding opportunities for those who rely on Pathways. His approach focuses on prevention, addressing the root causes of poor wellbeing through connection, routine and belonging, complementing traditional health and care services.

The impact of Geoff's leadership is both profound and sustained. Participants consistently report improved mental wellbeing, increased self-esteem, and stronger social connections. Many individuals who arrive feeling isolated and anxious leave with greater confidence, independence and optimism. The farm's longevity, celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2024, reflects its lasting value to the community.

Geoff's leadership has not only changed individual lives but strengthened community resilience, providing a model of compassionate, person-centred support that continues to inspire and deliver meaningful, long-term impact.