Hunt on for top campaigner

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CAMRA is seeking stories of community champions for its annual Campaigner of the Year Award. Nominations have opened for the prestigious award with CAMRA members able to make their pick for the individual or group they believe deserves recognition. The award recognises significant contributions to campaigning for cask beer, cider, perry, pubs and social clubs, and puts a face and personality to CAMRA’s campaigning aims and goals. Recent winners, including Laura Hadland (pictured), have been celebrated by the Campaign for their work promoting real cider, advocating for greater diversity in the beer world, and reporting on the Crooked House case.  CAMRA awards director Laura Emson said: “We want to cast the net as wide as possible: people who have fought effective campaigns locally or nationally; people in the pub or brewing industries who promote our interests; celebrities or politicians who actively support real ale, cider, perry, pubs and clubs. “This year, we’re asking people to consider nominating individuals who embody the heart of a community. “This could be someone who has gone above and beyond to build connections within the trade or celebrate all the great ways pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers make community life fuller, the person or group behind a good news story you’ve seen in the past year, or simply a venue that you think is a really special social hub. “Now more than ever, we want to celebrate the campaigners who bring us together and remind us that pubs and beer are so much more than the sum of their parts.” The winner is announced at CAMRA’s Members’ Weekend, AGM and Conference 2025, which takes place in Torquay 11-13 April. Nomination criteria and the form are on the CAMRA website: https://camra.org.uk/awards/campaigner-of-the-year Nominations can also be sent by post to Campaigner of the Year, CAMRA, 230 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW. The nomination deadline is Friday 7 February 2025.