



CPRE Hampshire Countryside Awards 2019

Information Pack



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The Countryside Awards are designed to celebrate our beautiful, diverse and thriving countryside and all those who sustain it so that that everyone can share and enjoy it.

The spirit of this can be found in a diverse range of projects, buildings, businesses, services and social enterprises - from large, to grass roots level.

Entries are welcome from all sections of the Hampshire community; projects both big and small, urban and rural, which support CPRE Hampshire's mission of 'standing up for the countryside'. These could involve volunteers, the community, young people and business representatives.

What you need to know

- You can enter yourself or someone can nominate you (they must receive your permission to enter)
- Projects must be within Hampshire. Past projects are entitled to re-enter but entries must contain new elements on which they will be judged
- Nominations open on Monday 18th March and are open until Friday 7th June. There is a simple form which can be downloaded from our website, or you can email the Awards Project Manager: awards@cprehampshire.org.uk
- The first round of judging will take place in June and will produce a shortlist of projects to be put forward to the next round. All entries will be contacted after this stage. If you are through to the next round one of our judges will contact you to arrange a site visit. This is your chance to really showcase your project to the judges. Once all visits have been completed, the judges will produce a list of finalists.
- The finalists will be invited to our awards ceremony in September. All finalists will be invited to bring a small display to the ceremony to show off their project
- Finalists will be announced in August and open to public vote for the 'Hampshire's Choice' award
- Winners will be announced at our awards ceremony on Tuesday 17th September. They will receive a unique CPRE Hampshire plaque from the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire. In addition to the award itself the ceremony is a great networking opportunity with many like-minded people attending as well as local press and the Mayor of Winchester.

Award categories :

- Community and Voluntary
- Young People
- Rural Enterprise
- Making Places - Buildings & Landscapes

Hampshire's Choice is an additional award voted for by the public, with the winner receiving £500

Selecting your award category:

The full category criteria can be found on the entry form. Please note that this is only one element of judging and you needn't tick all points, there are numerous criteria to be considered.

Example entries are shown below along with some of the qualities judges are looking for. Please contact the team if you have any queries.

Community & Voluntary

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Organisations, Individuals and enterprises working with the countryside in mind

- Community involvement (ideally from a wide range of individuals)
- Encouraging a wide range of people to connect with the countryside
- Environmental conservation or restoration
- Anti-waste/pollution schemes

e.g. Environmental groups, charity projects, community groups, conservation volunteers

Young People

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Engaging Young People with the Countryside

- Engaging a large number/range of young people (including older children)
- High level of involvement
- Connecting young people to the countryside and promotion of its value
- Use of landscape and environmental and rural issues as an opportunity for learning

e.g. Schools and nurseries, youth groups, guides/scout groups, youth charities

Making Places

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New or regenerated Buildings and/or landscapes

- Sustainable design of buildings or landscapes
- Minimal impact on the environment and landscape
- Innovative and sensitive developments within a rural setting
- Use of previously developed land or buildings
- Community engagement
- Protection or creation of habitats e.g. wildflower meadows

e.g. Architects, developers, councils, landscape designers, community groups

Rural Enterprise

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Businesses or organisations which enhance the rural environment and/or economy

- Businesses or organisations which enhance the nature of rural settlements
- Conservation of the countryside
- Community involvement
- Employment of local people
- Promotion of local products

e.g. Rural services/shops including Farm Shops, rural events, environmental initiatives, rural businesses and producers

How to Enter

- Select your category - please read the category descriptions/criteria and eligibility information. If you are not sure which category to enter into please feel free to contact CPRE Hampshire and we can help!
- Complete the short form (available on our website) and send it to us with up to 5 supporting photos (these will be used to promote your project):
Email: awards@cprehampshire.org.uk or
Post: CPRE Hampshire, Winnall Community Centre, Garbett Road, Winchester, SO23 0NY

Key Dates



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