

Living Countryside Awards 2016 Application Form

Closing Date - 12th June 2016

Applications for CPRE Bedfordshire's *Living Countryside Awards 2016* are invited from people and organisations that are making a positive difference to Bedfordshire's countryside. All short-listed applicants will be promoted by CPRE Bedfordshire in association with the Awards. The winners will be recognised at an Awards Ceremony in the autumn.

Criteria

Please ensure your project meets the following criteria:

- The project falls, or has a significant impact, within the county of Bedfordshire.
- The project was initiated or completed between Jan 2011 and Dec 2015.

Categories

Awards are given in four categories embracing a broad range of projects; examples of previous winners are on our website. We encourage you to apply if your project enhances the sustainability or biodiversity value of the local environment in any way.

- 1. Building Design & Restoration**
 - New buildings which inspire and are in harmony with their natural surroundings
 - Buildings brought back into community use
 - Adaptation of original farm buildings for continuing use
 - Buildings that strongly incorporate sustainability principles
- 2. Biodiversity & Landscape Improvement**
 - Creation of nature reserves, ponds, pocket parks, etc.
 - Tree and hedgerow planting
 - Best practice in farming, such as; preserving the landscape or encouraging wildlife
 - Enhancement of public spaces
 - Improvement of access to the countryside
- 3. Sustainable Enterprise**
 - Businesses or projects that benefit the local economy, community and environment
 - Local production and/or sale of local food, including allotments, village and farm shops
 - Innovative use of locally sourced materials
 - Traditional crafts being kept alive and that contribute to the landscape's visual appeal
- 4. Living Countryside Youth Award - A new category for 2016.**

We would love to hear about any project undertaken by a school or youth group, which creates a positive impact on their local environment or school grounds.

If you would like to discuss whether your project might be eligible please call Lena Kingham on 01234 353331, or email lena.kingham@cprebeds.org.uk

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Please let us know which Award category you are applying for:

Building Design & Restoration

Sustainable Enterprise

Biodiversity & Landscape Improvement

Living Countryside Youth Award

Name of nominated project/initiative :

Project address including postcode:

Contact details of person making the application - name, address, email , tel no:

Name & contact details of the project owner (if different to above):

Name & contact details of land owner or property owner (if different to above):

Project description (325 max words):

You are welcome to submit further information such as photographs and material in support of your application, these could include before and after images, press articles, drawings or plans. Where possible, please send electronic versions via email or on a CD.

CPRE Bedfordshire will inform you if your application has been short-listed and the judges will visit each short-listed project with a photographer in June or July. Details of the short-listed projects will be publicised at an awards ceremony in the autumn where the winners will be announced.

Declaration:

- I understand that the judges' decision is final.
- I will obtain the landowner's permission for the judges to visit the project on the given judging day.
- I approve the use of the project description and the photographs taken during the judges' visit and Awards Ceremony to be used in publicity by CPRE Bedfordshire.

Signed Date

Returning this application form - by 12th June 2016

Please email this form and any accompanying documents or photos to awards@cprebeds.org.uk, or post to: CPRE Bedfordshire, 5 Grove Place, BEDFORD, MK40 3JJ

Further Information:

How did you hear about the Living Countryside Awards?

Would you like to receive further information about CPRE Bedfordshire?

If you require assistance with your application or would like further information please contact Lena Kingham on 01234 353331 or email lena.kingham@cprebeds.org.uk