



AWARDS
2026

Call for Entries



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The RICS UK Awards showcases the most inspirational individuals, teams and initiatives in land, real estate, construction, and infrastructure.

Nominations are now open for the RICS UK Awards 2026. The Awards are free to enter and open to all working within the built and natural environments, celebrating the talents and achievements across the sector, highlighting the impacts across local and national communities.



How it Works

There are seven project categories and two team categories to enter in your region plus two specialist categories to enter nationally as well as an Ambassador of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards. Each category demonstrates and celebrates how nominations use their skills to develop, regenerate and conserve the environment in which they live and work. If you think your project could be a winner, then send us your entry via our [Awards platform](#).

Our regional judges will select regional Award winners for each of the categories, which will be announced at a regional Awards ceremony.

Regional winners will then compete to be the National winner in their category and for the ultimate accolade – Project of the Year 2026 – announced at a National Grand Final Ceremony.

Regional Project Categories

- Commercial Development
- Community Benefit
- Heritage
- Land Management and Sustainable Development
- Public Sector
- Refurbishment/Revitalisation
- Residential Development

National Team Categories

- Outstanding Contribution to Surveying by an SME
- Outstanding Contribution to Surveying by a Medium/Large Firm

National Specialist Categories

- Environmental Impact
- Infrastructure

National Individual Awards

- Lifetime Achievement
- Ambassador of the Year

Previous Winners



Lisvane & Llanishen Reservoirs, Cardiff
Land Management and Sustainable Development
National Winner 2024



Athelhampton Zero, Dorset
Environmental Impact
National Winner 2024



Sheerness Dockyard Church
National Project of the Year 2024



Stephenson Building, Newcastle University
National Project of the Year 2025



Thames Tideway Tunnel, London
Infrastructure National Winner 2025



Parkhead Health, Social Care and Community Hub, Glasgow
Public Sector National Winner 2025



Shankill Shared Women's Centre, Belfast
Community Benefit National Winner 2025



Categories

Regional Project Categories

Commercial Development is for any commercial property development or initiative whether retail, office, industrial or mixed-use.

Community Benefit recognises outstanding achievement in providing a facility which directly benefits the local community. The project must illustrate its success through local community feedback with diversity and inclusion embedded throughout.

Heritage is for the conservation, renovation or restoration of a single building or a group of buildings or structures.

Land Management celebrates best practice in the stewardship and management of land, and in the planning and delivery of development in a way that helps achieve the economic, social, environmental, and cultural elements of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Refurbishment/Revitalisation refers to land or buildings that could no longer fulfil their original purpose. It may also include elements of retrofitting with the aim of making a building more energy efficient and sustainable.

Public Sector celebrates an exceptional public sector project.

Residential covers residential developments of either a single building or overall project, new build or conversion.

National Team Categories

Outstanding Contribution to Surveying by an SME recognises an outstanding small surveying firm (<50 employees), or a firm with under 50 employees/a surveying team working within an organisation with under 50 employees.

Outstanding Contribution to Surveying by a Medium/Large Firm recognises an outstanding large surveying firm (>50 employees), or a firm with over 50 employees/a surveying team working within an organisation with over 50 employees.

National Specialist Categories

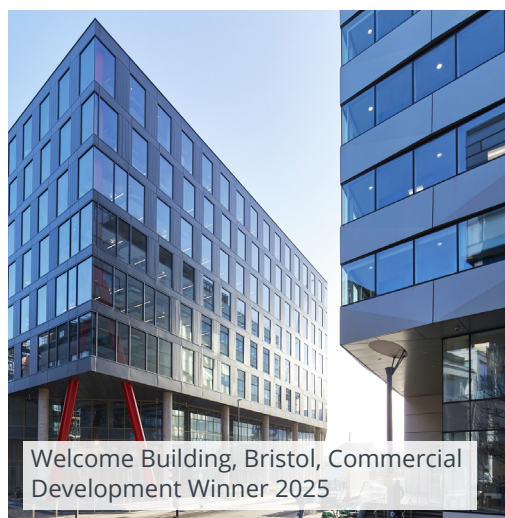
The Environmental Impact Award recognises projects where innovation, design or construction techniques have been utilised to address environmental challenges and improve sustainability.

The Infrastructure Award celebrates the delivery of exceptional infrastructure projects. This will include basic structures, systems, and services required for operation.

National Individual Awards

Lifetime Achievement is open to any RICS professional (AssocRICS, MRICS, FRICS) and entries are welcomed from companies and individuals nominating a person who has promoted and achieved greater social benefit through their work in the built environment, championing social impact and driving through change.

Ambassador of the Year acknowledges an extraordinary volunteer for their distinguished service in advancing the Institutions UK Advocacy & Influence agenda such as Sustainability, data and technology, diversity and inclusion, people and skills and places and spaces to ensure that built environment enables society to meet the challenges of the future.



How to Enter

Read the category criteria and guidelines carefully to make sure you enter your project in the most appropriate category and that you are clear on what the judges will be requiring for each category. Please visit our [website](#) to view the judging criteria in more detail.

Click onto our online [Awards platform](#) for full details and to submit your entry.

Your submission should clearly explain the project, team or individual and demonstrate a connection to the judging criteria, highlighting a commitment to professionalism and ethics.

This is where you want to make it clear to the judges exactly why your submission is deserving of the award.

Please note that this will not be a PDF upload, you will need to complete free text sections within the online form, including an introduction and responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria (professionalism, outcome and achievement, teamwork, innovation, and sustainability).

Word limits have been applied to each free text box in accordance with the criteria weighting.

Your entries must comply with the rules below or they will not be considered.

The below is a check list of the procedure online and the information you will be asked for.

- Closing date – **Friday 27 February 2026**
- Project/Team/Individual Name – the name provided should be clear as it will be used throughout the entire campaign
- How should the project/team be credited? This is the credit line that will be published alongside the project/team name. This should either be your organisation name or multiple if the project was a collaboration
- Category you are submitting for (please ensure you read the guidance provided)
- Nominator and Nominee contact details
- Project address – entries may involve a site visit
- RICS Surveyor working on the project
- Main body of nomination – and connection to the judging criteria
- Up to 3 testimonials (PDF upload)
- Any other appropriate supporting material, such as technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, etc.
- Your company logo in JPEG or PNG format
- A 100-word summary of the nomination

for marketing purposes – what the project was and how the team/individual have showcased excellence (free text section within the form)

- FIVE clearly marked marketing images (please use a “PR” prefix to the file name)

These five images must be:

- Of internal and external aspects of the project, in landscape format
- Three in JPEG or PNG format plus two vector files in .ai, .eps, .pdf or .svg format (for further advice please refer to the [Adobe guidance](#))
- Minimum 300dpi
- Minimum 1MB file size
- 1920x1650 resolution

Further images may be supplied but these must be titled as before or after images (no more than three photos)

- Include location maps, site plans, floor plans etc, where relevant, showing the site clearly marked in red and include any elevations to help the judges to understand the project
- Any other evidence you believe will support your entry, e.g. local media coverage, business endorsements or community feedback
- Any additional materials will not be accepted or considered by the judges

Terms and Conditions (2026)

Judges will exclude any submissions that are not completed in full.

The closing date for entries is 27 February 2026 however RICS reserves the right to extend the deadline.

The judges' decision is final, and awards will be made at their discretion.

Judges reserve the right to move a project into another category if they feel it would better fit the criteria.

RICS reserves the right to use photographs and content of entries for PR and publicity purpose. By entering your images and information as part of your submission for the RICS Awards you agree to grant RICS or any third-party we deem suitable worldwide, non-exclusive, unlimited right to use, publish and print in any media.

Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and procedures along with the terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering this competition.

By entering you are agreeing to be contacted by RICS with details of the RICS Awards.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to establish that there are no restrictions or reasons the project cannot be entered and that all interested parties have been contacted and are aware of the entry.

To help us manage and maintain the reputation of the RICS Awards you must inform us about any negative media stories relating to the entry that have occurred during the 12 months preceding the Awards Grand Final (22 October 2026). Negative publicity does not necessarily mean that your entry will be disallowed; however, if it is not disclosed your entry may be disqualified.

Each entry will be subject to due diligence checks (including regulatory checks and online information searches) on the relevant individual, team and firm. Nominations may not be progressed or may be withdrawn from all aspects of the awards at the absolute discretion of RICS if continuing with the nomination could damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession.

Nominees must disclose any information that could reasonably be considered to damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession. Examples include but are not limited to disciplinary findings, or ongoing regulatory investigations or court proceedings.

Entrants warrant RICS that it has the full and exclusive right to present their credentials (e.g. "Surveyor") as such. RICS accepts these credentials in good faith and cannot verify that they are correct. Accordingly, any dispute regarding entrants' credentials must be dealt with between the parties concerned and not with RICS.

