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The Lord Mayor's Design Awards is a biennial awards ceremony which has been running since 1994, with the aim of encouraging, promoting and publicising the best in architecture and environmental design.

Entries are invited from schemes of all types and sizes. Awards will be given in a number of categories. Entries can be eligible for more than one category, and whilst entrants should indicate which category or categories they think is the most appropriate, the judging panel has the discretion to determine which category an entry should be judged against. Whilst only one Award will be given in each category, the number of categories receiving awards will be dependant entirely on the quality of entries.

Awards will be given for schemes which make an outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the local environment and examples of best practice which utilise sustainable design and construction techniques where appropriate.

Commendations will be given to those schemes which make a positive contribution but do not quite merit Award status.

To be eligible for entry to the awards, the scheme must fall within the boundary of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne, and work must be completed after September 2021 and before the end of August 2023. Completed phases of larger projects are eligible, providing entrants indicate how the phase relates to the overall project.

The judging process

At the first stage of judging, entries will be assessed by a panel comprising representatives from local professional and related bodies including the Royal Town Planning Institute and The Royal Institute of British Architects.

The Lord Mayor will join the panel for the final stage of judging.

Winners will be announced towards the end of 2023. A special publication will be produced detailing all awards and commendations. The Lord Mayor will host a reception to which all Award Winners will be invited to receive their Awards.

Rules of entry:

Entries must be submitted by **Friday 29th September 2023**. There is no entry fee.

Entries can be made by anyone closely connected with a project, so long as the permission of the owner of the project has been obtained.

Entries should be submitted by e-mail, and must be in pdf format. Please ensure that the pdf's can be printed and are of a suitable resolution/quality for printing and displaying.

How to enter:

Entry documents must consist of:

- A signed entry form, completed in capitals (please ensure details are correct as they will be used in any presentation material).
- A maximum of 6 no.A3 presentation boards – all information must be displayed on these boards – these will be used as a display and on the website so any information not on these boards will not be assessed.
- The boards should therefore include:
 - A concise description of the scheme which should succinctly include the brief, the design approach and any significant constraints.
 - A location plan of the site in order to clarify the extent of the project.
 - Photographs of the scheme. These will form a crucial part of the assessment. They should show the scheme in the context of its surroundings, from several different viewpoints, and should illustrate the quality of detailing and materials. Refurbishment / Conservation schemes should include “before” and “after” photographs, preferably from the same viewpoint. Photographs of the winning schemes will be used for publicity and submission implies consent is given to use these photographs in connection with the Award scheme.
 - A site plan of the project, along with any relevant elevations / floor plans / sections.
 - Complete sets of drawings of the project are not necessary.

Categories

Landscape – this can consist of either principally hard or soft landscaping. Entries consisting mainly of soft landscaping may be deferred if they are not mature enough to make a fair assessment.

New building - this category aims to recognise the best new building (or project that is principally new building) for any use and any size, although smaller scale projects may be suitable or the category below

Small scale development - there is no specific cut-off as to what constitutes small scale. It will partly be dependant on the numbers of entrants and the discretion of the judging panel. However, this category is likely to cover domestic extensions, small commercial developments / extensions or housing developments (new build or conversions) up to about 5 units.

Housing - this category will attempt to reward imaginative and skilful solutions to housing – whether it is an extension, conversion or new building(s) – but the judging panel will be looking for innovative solutions, over and above standard practice.

Conservation / Refurbishment - for schemes that principally involve restoration, conversion or refurbishment of an existing building but may include smaller elements of new building in addition.

Sustainability - for eligibility for the Sustainability Award, a statement must be included on the sustainable credentials of the scheme. This should include evidence of the ecological, social and financial sustainability of the scheme including such details, if applicable, of carbon dioxide emissions, energy efficiency, construction materials, re-use of materials or existing buildings, transport of materials, BREEAM ratings or equivalent, effect on travel patterns, impacts on the community, and adaptability of the project for future use after the schemes lifetime.

Accessibility - this category aims to recognise efforts to provide access for all (not just wheelchair users but for visually impaired, hard of hearing, learning difficulties etc.) utilising best practice and exceeding normal standards.

Shopfronts and External Spaces – this category will award high quality, well maintained shopfronts and spill-out spaces which make a significant positive contribution to the streetscene. Applicants must ensure that any scheme put forward has all of the appropriate planning consents.

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Entry Form

Please ensure details are correct as they will be used in any promotional material.

Categories:

Name and address of project:

Client / Owner's name and address:

Architect / Designer's name and address:

Main Contractor's name and address:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please read the additional notes on "Rules of Entry" and "How to Enter" before submitting your entry.

Eligible projects need to have been completed between September 2021 and August 2023.

Completed entries should be returned by email to:

urbandesign@newcastle.gov.uk

For any queries please contact:

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