



# WAKEFIELD CIVIC SOCIETY

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## Environment Awards 2026

### **We invite entries for our 2026 Environment Awards.**

The Society has been making awards for good design since 1966. In 2020, and influenced by increased public and governmental focus on climate change and the need to protect the environment, the Society introduced new awards aimed specifically at environmental schemes.

This year, our Environment Awards will recognise projects that demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in nature conservation, the promotion of environmental quality and support of the wider goals of sustainable development.

The Awards are open to any individual, business or organisation with a suitable project in the Society's 'area of benefit'. We particularly welcome entries from community groups, youth groups and schools.

To enter for the award, you must follow the rules set out in the attached statement of criteria and, if you are nominating someone else for an award, your entry should be accompanied by a statement from the nominee to confirm that they are content to be nominated.

The nomination form is intended to guide you as to what is required, to help ensure that the assessment process is fair and to lighten the administrative burden associated with the process.

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is 5pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Results will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting to be held on the evening of Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

The decision of the judging panel is final.

Any enquiries regarding these awards should be directed to the Society by email at [info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk)

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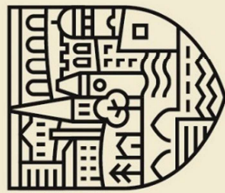
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## Rules & Criteria

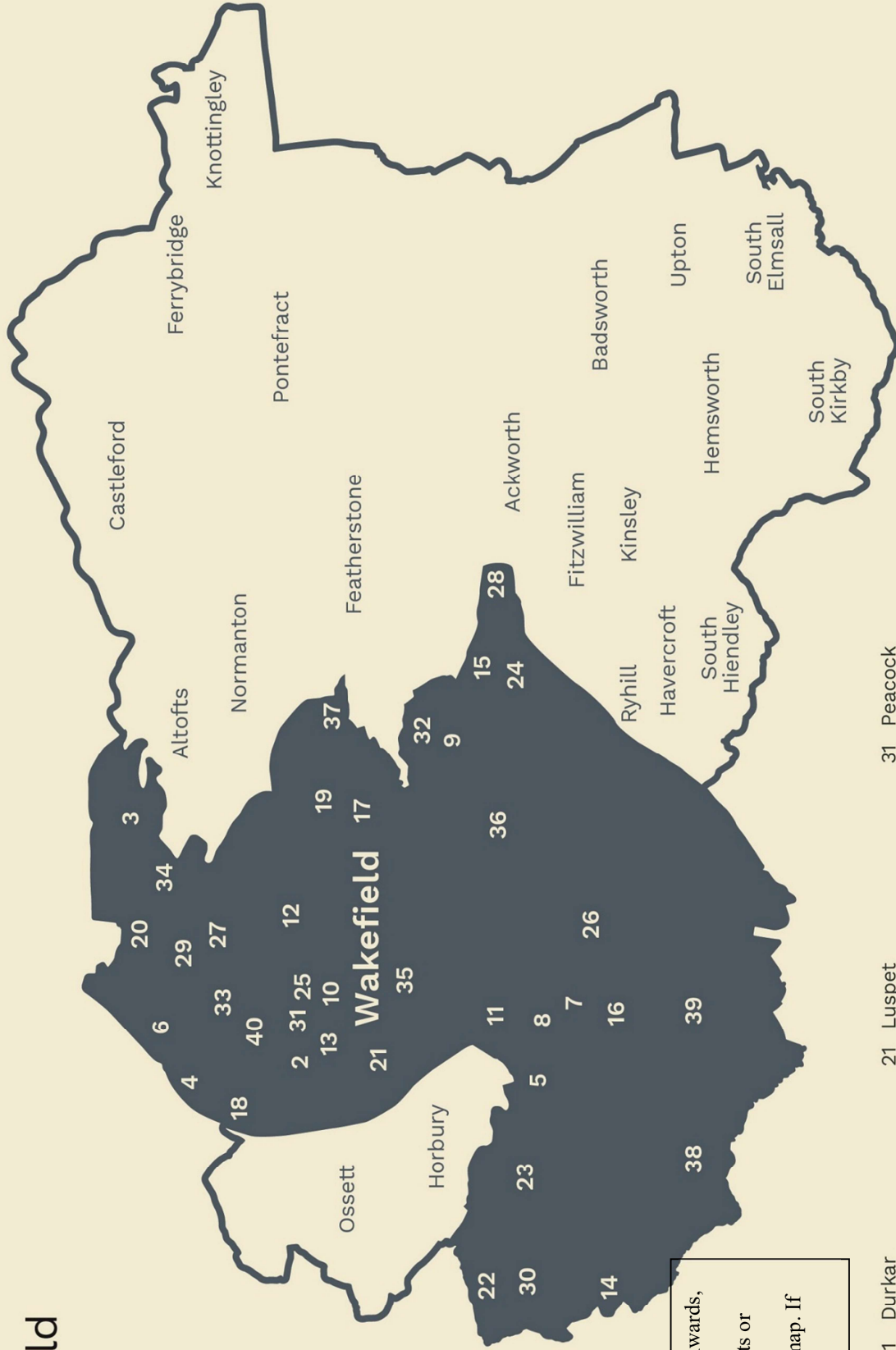
1. The aim of this award scheme is to acknowledge projects and initiatives that demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in nature conservation. We are looking for projects or initiatives that promote environmental quality and improvement and support the wider goals of sustainability.
2. Projects and initiatives should have been substantially completed or successfully introduced during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
3. The award is open to any individual, business or organisation but we particularly welcome entries from community groups, youth groups and schools.
4. Previous award-winning entries cannot be re-submitted unless the project/activity previously recognised has been developed substantially since the time of the previous award.
5. All entries must be for projects of environmental benefit for the geographical area covered by Wakefield Civic Society, that is to say, the area defined by the city of Wakefield and the surrounding areas but not in other towns across the District. (A map of the area we cover is attached.)
6. All entries should where possible be submitted on the approved entry form. Electronic submission (by email to [info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk) – or via WeTransfer.com for larger files) is encouraged. Exceptionally, submissions can be posted to: Wakefield Civic Society, PO Box 380, The Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, WF1 3WT but entries received after the closing date might not be considered, even if the late entry is a result of postal delay.
7. Please be aware that photographs submitted to support an entry may be used by the Society in publicity. The Society may use the photographs on-line and in print. Entrants must ensure that any photographs supplied are submitted with the approval of any individuals featured in them and in the knowledge that the images might be used in this way. Where credits or acknowledgements need to be given for any public use of photographs, this should be stated on the entry form.
8. Awards may be given for projects that demonstrate one or more of the following criteria:
  - a) Better recycling & waste management;
  - b) The promotion of biodiversity, habitat creation & protection;
  - c) Community-based campaigns and measures in favour of carbon reduction and sustainable consumption;
  - d) The prevention of litter & pollution, including air and water pollution;
  - e) The promotion of sustainable travel arrangements such as walking, cycling and public transport;

- f) The provision of environmental education and the raising of environmental awareness.
  - g) Measures to improve the environment such as planting schemes, reclamation of open spaces, tidying and clearance of waterways, etc.
9. To be eligible, entries need to go above and beyond existing standard practice. Entries will be assessed on the evidence of:
- a) Originality,
  - b) The actual or likely impact on the environment
  - c) Potential for community benefit
  - d) Evidence of good leadership in championing the environment and in engaging and inspiring others.
  - e) Evidence of further potential and future development is desirable but not essential.
10. Anyone is free to nominate, including members of the judging panel. However, panel members must declare an interest if appropriate.
11. In the event that the project is not self-nominated, the nominee will be informed of the nomination in writing and should be in agreement with the nomination and the details contained in the entry form.
12. The judging panel will comprise members appointed by Wakefield Civic Society.
13. In addition to the award, the panel may designate submissions as worthy of commendation. In the event of a split decision, the President of Wakefield Civic Society will hold the casting vote. The decision of the judging panel is final.
14. The number of awards that are made will be at the discretion of the Society. A cash prize of £100 per award will be offered by the Society to entries judged to be deserving of an award.
- 15. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 5pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**
16. All entrants will be notified of the decision in writing and will be invited to attend an Award Ceremony which will be held either at a central Wakefield venue or on-line on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026.

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For our 2022 Environment Awards, entries will be considered for projects or initiatives in the area shaded grey on the map. If in doubt, please contact us.

- 1 Wakefield (City Centre)
- 2 Alverthorpe
- 3 Bottomboat
- 4 Brandy Carr
- 5 Calder Grove
- 6 Carr Gate
- 7 Chapelthorpe
- 8 Crigglestone
- 9 Crofton
- 10 Darnley
- 11 Durkar
- 12 Eastmoor
- 13 Flanshaw
- 14 Flockton (part)
- 15 Foulby
- 16 Hall Green
- 17 Heath
- 18 Kirkhamgate
- 19 Kirkthorpe
- 20 Lofthouse Gate
- 21 Luspet
- 22 Middlestown
- 23 Netherton
- 24 New Crofton
- 25 New Scarborough
- 26 Newmillerdam
- 27 Newton Hill
- 28 Nostell and Wragby
- 29 Outwood
- 30 Overton
- 31 Peacock
- 32 Sharlston Common
- 33 Snow Hill
- 34 Stanley
- 35 Thornes
- 36 Walton
- 37 Warmfield
- 38 West Bretton
- 39 Woolley
- 40 Wrenthorpe