

WAKEFIELD CIVIC SOCIETY

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Introducing the Wakefield Civic Society Environmental Awards for 2020:

1. The Wakefield Civic Society Waterton Award
2. Wakefield Civic Society Sustainable Building and Development Award



Wakefield Civic Society has been making awards for good design since 1966. Award categories in recent years have included both new and refurbishment schemes as well as new shop and bar/café/restaurant fronts and residential developments covering six or more housing units.

Although the first two of the above categories allowed for both buildings and environmental projects to be considered, with the increased public and governmental focus on climate change and the need to protect the environment, the Society has decided to launch two new awards in 2020 specifically aimed at environmental schemes.

These awards are:

- 1) The Wakefield Civic Society Waterton Award; and
- 2) Wakefield Civic Society Sustainable Building and Development Award

Award 1 is intended to acknowledge projects that, in the example of Charles Waterton's environmental work (*), demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in nature conservation, the promotion of environmental quality and support of the wider goals of sustainable development. It is open to individuals, businesses, schools, community groups, public agencies, youth groups, local councils, landowners and statutory organisations, and any other organisation with a suitable project.

Award 2 is intended to acknowledge building and development projects that demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in the efficient use of resources and that support the wider goals of sustainable development. It is open to built-environment professionals, developers, contractors and landowners.

Each award involves a statement of criteria and relevant procedures, together with a statement from the nominee to confirm that they are content to be nominated. (The procedures state that the nominee should be in agreement with the nomination and the details that are contained in the relevant application form.)

The nomination form is intended to guide the applicant as to what is required, to help systematise the assessment process and to lighten the administrative burden associated with the assessment process. The form for Award 1 is shorter and simpler than that for Award 2. Award 1 is less technical and aimed, amongst others, at small community groups.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 21st February 2020.

Results will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting and Awards Evening to be held at Wakefield Town Hall on the evening of 23rd April 2020. The decision of the judging panel is final.

(Charles Waterton (1782-1865) was a local naturalist, explorer and conservationist and son of Thomas Waterton of Walton Hall, which he eventually inherited. On returning to Waterton Hall in the 1820s, Charles Waterton built a nine-foot-high wall around three miles (5 km) of the estate, turning it into the world's first wildfowl and nature reserve, thus making him one of the world's first 'environmentalists'. The Waterton Collection is now in the care of Wakefield Museum Service and some of the exhibits can be seen at Wakefield Museum at Wakefield One.*

Any enquiries regarding these awards should be directed to the Society by email at info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk

Wakefield Civic Society is a registered charity (no 236034).

Wakefield Civic Society Waterton Award

Rules & Criteria

1. The award is named after and inspired by Charles Waterton (1782-1865) of Walton Hall, Wakefield, widely recognised as a pioneering conservationist and one of the earliest modern environmentalists.
2. The aim is to acknowledge projects and initiatives that, in the example of Charles Waterton's environmental work, demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in nature conservation, the promotion of environmental quality and support of the wider goals of sustainable development.
3. Projects and initiatives should have been substantially completed or successfully introduced during 2019 for the 2020 award.
4. The award is open to individuals, businesses, schools, community groups, public agencies, youth groups, local councils, landowners and statutory organisations, and any other organisation with a suitable project.
5. All applications must be for projects of environmental benefit for the 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.
6. All applications for consideration should where possible be submitted on the approved application form. Electronic application (by email to info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk – or via [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com) for larger files) is encouraged. Exceptionally, applications can be posted to: Wakefield Civic Society, PO Box 380, The Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, WF1 3WT.
7. The award 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.
 - h) other considerations as specified in the application.
8. To be eligible, applications need to go above and beyond existing standard practice. Applications will be assessed on the evidence of originality, on the actual or likely impact and/ or on the evidence of good leadership in championing the environment and in

engaging and inspiring others. Evidence of further potential and future development is desirable but not essential.

9. Anyone is free to nominate, including members of the judging panel. However, members must declare an interest if appropriate.
10. 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 relevant application form.
11. The judging panel will comprise members appointed by Wakefield Civic Society.
12. 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.
- 13. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 21st February 2020.**
14. All applicants will be notified of the decision in writing and will be requested to attend an Award Ceremony at Wakefield Town Hall on the evening of 23rd April 2020.
15. The decision of the judging panel is final.

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Wakefield Civic Society Sustainable Building and Development Award

Rules & Criteria

1. The award is entitled the Wakefield Civic Society Sustainable Building and Development Award
2. The aim is to acknowledge building and development projects that demonstrate innovation, imagination and good practice in the efficient use of resources and that support the wider goals of sustainable development.
3. The award will normally be given to renovation and new build schemes completed during 2019.
4. The award is open to built-environment professionals, developers, contractors and landowners.
5. All applications must be for projects located within the area covered by Wakefield Civic Society, that is to say the area defined by the city of Wakefield and surrounding areas but not the other towns in the District.
6. Electronic application (by email to info@wakefieldcivicsociety.org.uk – or via [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com) for larger files) is encouraged. Exceptionally, applications can be posted to: Wakefield Civic Society, PO Box 380, The Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, WF1 3WT.
7. To be eligible, applications need to go above and beyond existing standard practice in at least two of the following criteria.
 - a) the re-use of brownfield sites (namely unused urban sites, contaminated sites, abandoned buildings);
 - b) the use of sustainable and recycled building materials;
 - c) the promotion of efficiency in the use of energy and other resources, the promotion of renewable energy;
 - d) the promotion of sustainable travel and transport arrangements such as walking, cycling and public transport; reduced dependency on private cars;
 - e) the inclusion of greenery and green infrastructure within the scheme;
 - f) mixed tenure and mixed land or building uses.
 - g) other aspects of sustainable development, if specified and demonstrated in the application.
8. Applications will be assessed on the evidence of originality and of actual or likely impact. Evidence of further potential and future development is desirable but not essential.
9. The award will be made by a judging panel comprising members appointed by Wakefield Civic Society. In addition to the award, the panel may designate submissions as worthy of commendation. Members must declare an interest if appropriate

10. Wakefield Civic Society may use publicly available information, generally linked to a planning application, to identify potentially worthy projects. 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 relevant application form.
11. 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.
12. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is 21st February 2020.**
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