



SPAB Best Loved Award

Notes for entrants

An annual award celebrating the good maintenance of old buildings - public or private - and the people who care for them

ABOUT THE AWARD

One of the key aspects of the SPAB's Approach to buildings is good regular maintenance. We advise "stave off decay by daily care" so have established this new award - presented for the first time in 2022 - to recognise and celebrate where buildings have been brought into and kept in good repair, across the UK (and including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) and Ireland. We hope that the winning building(s) will demonstrate the value of regular maintenance for buildings of all dates and types, and for the people who occupy and use them.

The award aims to:

Celebrate projects that best demonstrate the value to buildings – and their users - of regular care and maintenance.

Recognise the owners, managers, professionals, practitioners and volunteers involved in caring for old buildings.

Eligibility

The award is open to:

Private buildings (e.g. house, garden building).

Public / community buildings i.e. buildings that are either publicly owned or are readily accessible to the public (e.g. village hall, community asset building, faith building, pub, shop).

Timetable

Submission of entries and nominations for the award:

Opens: 1 October 2021 Closes: 28 March 2022 at 5pm

Entries and nominations received outside the submission period will not be considered.

When a shortlist has been drawn up, the winner(s) will be decided by a public vote in summer 2022:

Public vote opens: 18 July 2022 Closes: 12 September 2022

The award will be presented at the SPAB Awards event in November 2022.

Judging

A shortlist will be drawn up by an expert panel, on the basis of entry forms and conversations with entrants. The judges will be looking for buildings in a good state of repair, with evidence of regular maintenance under-taken using appropriate materials and techniques. They will be particularly interested in the care of key elements such as roofs, windows, doors, rainwater goods, drains, walls, other surfaces. Judges can take account of improvement from a previous poor state. The winner(s) will be decided by a public vote in summer 2022.

Enter or nominate

Buildings can be entered for the award by their owner/manager or nominated by another person.

Please use the entry / nomination form to tell us about the building; how it is looked after; who is involved (e.g. owners / managers / users, professional advisers, craftspeople, volunteers, the local community) and why you think the building deserves this award. Entrants / nominators are asked to provide photographs showing the building and there is space to include a statement of support. Note: If you are unable to use the online entry form or would prefer to enter / nominate on paper or in another form, please get in touch with us to discuss your requirements.