



SPAB Sustainable Heritage Award

Notes for entrants

An annual award celebrating the projects that best demonstrate a sustainable approach to the repair, reuse and upgrading of old buildings

ABOUT THE AWARD



The repair and upgrading of existing buildings for continued use, and bringing neglected or decayed historic buildings back into use, are inherently sustainable activities. The SPAB is concerned both with understanding old buildings' physical performance and ensuring that any interventions to improve it are made in a way that is sympathetic to their character. We also advocate that the best new design skills be used when upgrading old buildings or adapting them for new uses in a changing environment.

This award aims to:

Celebrate the projects that best demonstrate the value to old buildings, their users and the historic environment of a sustainable approach to repair, upgrading and reuse.

Recognise the owners, managers, professionals, practitioners and others involved.

Eligibility

The award is open to buildings / projects across the UK (and including the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands) and Ireland, which exemplify best practice in:

- Sympathetic repair of historic fabric
- Good new design in historic contexts
- Sensitive use of appropriate materials and techniques to upgrade or improve a building, all grounded in an understanding of the building's fabric and character.

Projects may be for private, public or community buildings and should have been completed in 2020 or 2021.

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.

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

Judging

The award will be judged by a specialist panel in summer 2022, on the basis of entry forms and conversations with shortlisted entrants. The judges will be looking for a "whole building" approach combining sensitive repair of fabric, good new design and appropriate materials for interventions, and excellence in execution.

Enter or nominate

Projects can be entered by the client or lead professional, or nominated by another person.

Please use the entry / nomination form to tell us about the building / project (e.g. aims, approaches, methods, materials and outcomes), and why you think the building / project deserves this award. Entrants / nominators are asked to provide photographs (before, during, after) 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.