

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Partnership **2018 Norfolk Community Biodiversity Awards**



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The Community Biodiversity Awards are run by the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership (NBP) to recognise the achievements of individuals and groups whose voluntary actions make a difference for wildlife and people.

Nominations are welcome from (or on behalf of) groups and individuals Anyone over 16 can be nominated: self-nomination is permitted Activities must not be part of any normal work for a conservation organisation

There are five award categories:

Saving Species

This award recognises individual or group efforts to improve the lot of wildlife species or species groups. With so many plants and animals, even once common ones, in rapid decline action is needed at every level to avoid further decline and possible extinction. We are looking for activities that directly benefit species populations or a specific habitat they rely on.

Sponsored by Pensthorpe Natural Park.

Groups

This award recognises the achievements of groups working on biodiversity projects in their local community. Local groups can inspire people to recognise and care for their local biodiversity while providing the chance to get together and work with a common purpose. We are looking for results for participants and the group as a whole, as well as those achieved for wildlife and habitats.

Sponsored by The Landscape Partnership.

Young People's Achievement

This award is for individuals under 18 or those that enable young people to make a personal contribution to nature and biodiversity. Young people hold the key to the future for our wildlife so their understanding and appreciation of nature is vital. We are looking for those who are inspirational or who have inspired other to achieve these qualities.

Sponsored by Kelling Heath Holiday Park.

Nature for Health and Wellbeing

This award recognises the benefits for individuals in terms of improved health and wellbeing as a direct result of activities that bring people and nature together. We know contact with nature is good for both mental and physical health but we are looking for activities that go further to also benefit biodiversity in the community or our knowledge of it.

Sponsored by The Norwich Community Green Gym.

Churchyards and Cemeteries

This award recognises action to care for churchyards and cemeteries so that they provide opportunities for nature to thrive as well as being a welcoming and tranquil oasis for people. In many churchyards, grassland is an important habitat, walls and stones are our rock faces. We are looking for activities that have created living churchyards, important stepping stones for biodiversity as well as places for reflection and remembrance.

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To enter, please complete the nomination form at

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CBANomination OR download a nomination form from www.norfolkbiodiversity.org

Closing date for entries is 30th April 2018. If you have any queries, please email biodiversityawards@norfolk.gov.uk

Award winners will be presented with a framed certificate at a summer awards evening in Norwich on July 17th 2018.

Assessment criteria: Nominations will be judged against: the extent of biodiversity enhancement; the degree of community involvement; evidence of long-term sustainability (such as site management plans); how they contribute to the development of an ecological network; interpretation; public accessibility; and the extent to which nominees have inspired and motivated others in their community and contributed to new knowledge of Norfolk's biodiversity. We are looking for applications that impart excitement about what has been achieved!





