

THE BETJEMAN SOCIETY AWARD

REGULATIONS

1. The Betjeman Society Annual Award is to be presented to the person, group or organisation which in the opinion of The Betjeman Society Council has made the most significant recent contribution to the understanding or enjoyment of the life and work of Sir John Betjeman.
2. Nominations are invited from anyone, using an entry form, or by e-mail or letter to the Secretary. It can be described in anything from one sentence up to 500 words and is to include the main reason why the nominee should receive the award.
3. Nominations must be received by the closing date published in the *Newsletter*.
4. Self-nomination is not permitted.
5. Council members are not excluded from receiving nominations but may need to declare an interest.
6. For practical reasons, nominees must be aged 17 or over.
7. The Award will be administered by a sub-group of The Betjeman Society Council. Winners will be ratified by the full Council, after which they will be notified ahead of the full general announcement at the AGM.
8. At the AGM, the recipient of the Award will receive a special certificate. (In the case of a group, or organisation only one certificate).
9. Recipients of the Award will also be presented with a bronze trophy and their name will be engraved on the base. They will retain the trophy until shortly before the next award when the Council will arrange for its collection at no cost to the award holder. During custody of the trophy it will be expected that award holders will arrange household insurance for it, and the Society is prepared to reimburse the cost of any increased premiums should this arise.
10. If the recipient of the Award is unable to attend in person, then it would be expected that a representative on their behalf would do so, or arrangements made to ensure that they take ownership of the trophy and certificate.
11. A press release will be prepared and widely distributed together with other media outlets for maximum publicity to The Betjeman Society.
12. In the event of no nominations being received, then the Council may elect to table their own nominations, or to make no Award until a future year.
13. A record of Award winners will be kept in the Society's archives.
14. In the event of disagreement about the Award winner, or about the nomination(s) or process followed, the Chairman or his/her nominee may appoint an independent (i.e. independent of the group considering the evidence and determining the recipient of the Award) group to review the evidence and process. The views of this group will be binding on the Society's Council and membership, and no other appeal process shall be instituted.

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Enquiries relating to the Betjeman Society Award should be sent to: Steve Jackson, Chairman, The Betjeman Society, 25 Cromwell Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 4TH