

## 2025 BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND DISCRETIONARY AWARDS

Each group can submit up to two self-nominations. Please [email](#) completed forms, with up to seven supporting images. **Deadline – first week in July.** When thinking about which award(s) to apply for, focus on your group's strengths and reflect the [Beautiful Scotland three pillars](#). Beautiful Scotland judges can also submit nominations. Winners will be chosen by a panel of experts and presented at the Beautiful Scotland Award Ceremony in September.

NAME OF AWARD	FOCUS	ELIGIBLE	CRITERIA
<b>Community Horticulture</b>	Horticulture	Community groups	Presented to the community entrant that demonstrates particularly good practice in community horticulture.
<b>Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society Trophy</b>	Horticulture	Local authorities	Presented to the local authority that demonstrates the highest standard of horticulture in public open spaces.
<b>Jim Murdie Trophy for Sustainability</b>	Sustainability	Community groups	Presented to the community entrant that demonstrates best practice in sustainability, relating to the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland. For example, this might focus on elements such as permanent planting; good resource management; and community activity that ensures the future continuity of the group's work.
<b>Wright Sustainability Award</b>	Sustainability	Local authorities	Presented to the local authority that demonstrates best practice in sustainability, relating to the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland. For example, this might focus on elements such as permanent planting; good resource management; and measures to maximise engagement with the wider community in delivering the Beautiful Scotland initiative.
<b>Garden for Life Biodiversity Award</b>	Biodiversity	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant that demonstrates the greatest commitment to conserving habitats and raising awareness of local biodiversity across their entry.
<b>VisitScotland Award for Tourism</b>	Tourism	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant that demonstrates best practice in the promotion of tourism, supporting where possible the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland. For example, local heritage or eco-tourism projects are particularly relevant to this award.
<b>Community Involvement Award</b>	Community Involvement	Community groups	Presented to the entrant that demonstrates the greatest community involvement throughout the year in delivering the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland. Evidence of involvement from various sectors of the local community, for example Rotary, Schools, Uniformed Organisations and Faith should be given.
<b>David Welch Memorial Award for Something Special</b>	Horticulture, Environment, Community	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant that demonstrates particular commitment to the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland, with an interesting, unusual or creative project.

<b>RHS Scotland Award for Resilience and Overcoming Adversity</b>	Resilience and Adversity	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant who, in the past twelve months, has overcome challenging circumstances such as climatic (e.g. gales or flooding); budget cuts (e.g. reduction in local authority provision including planting, and/or maintenance); or specific environmental issues (e.g. tackling giant hogweed, himalayan balsam, etc.) and has shown significant resilience and impressive commitment to improving their local environment through effective community action in line with the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland.
<b>Young People Award</b>	Young People	Community groups Local authorities	Awarded to the entrant that demonstrates the most effective involvement by young people (aged up to 26) within the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland. <i>Launched in 2018 (supported by Young Scot) to celebrate the Year of Young People 2018.</i>
<b>Horticultural Heritage Award</b>	Horticultural History and Culture	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant that has developed or restored a feature or initiative that celebrates local history or community traditions through horticulture. <i>Launched in 2018 (supported by East Lothian Council).</i>
<b>2025 Theme Award</b>	Horticulture, Environment, Community	Community groups Local authorities	<i>A one-off award for 2025, to recognise our nature and biodiversity theme, and our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary</i> Awarded to the entrant that has developed a creative and innovative project that weaves a physical or symbolic silver thread through planting projects, activities or events, and has been successful in engaging the wider community.
<b><i>Please note, groups cannot self-nominate for the next two awards</i></b>			
<b>New Entrant Trophy</b> <i>highest overall score</i>	New Entrant	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to a first-time entrant or entrant returning after a break of seven or more years, that best demonstrates endorsement and development of the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland.
<b>Keep Scotland Beautiful Award</b>	Horticulture, Environment, Community	Community groups Local authorities	Presented to the entrant that demonstrates consistency, significant progress from the previous year, and particular commitment to the three pillars of Beautiful Scotland.