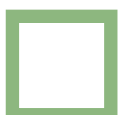




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The Worcestershire Architecture Awards recognise inspiring new architecture across the county and the work of Worcestershire architects.

Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects are excited to announce the call for entries to the 2026 Awards.

Previous awards successfully engaged the wider community and promoted local architects with public exhibitions of entries at Artery Studios, Worcester Guildhall, Bewdley Museum, Henry Sandon Hall, The Hive, and St Helens Church.

The awards received publicity in the local press through collaboration with the Worcester News who organised online voting for the People's Choice Award. Previous winners together with the other entries can be viewed online at ribaworcestershire.co.uk/awards.

The Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects is the local branch of the RIBA. The Awards and activities of the branch are organised by local RIBA members volunteering their time and energy. If you would like to be involved we would be pleased for you to join us, get in touch.

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Presentation of Awards

Awards will be presented at the Awards Presentation Evening at Piston Gin, Worcester on 10 September 2026.

Entries will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate, in the opinion of the judges, fitness for purpose, elegance and imagination of the design, and the contribution made to the built environment or landscape setting.

Three judges will be appointed by the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects. The judges will include a representative of the local community, a practising architect, a professional involved in architectural education, and/ or others at the invitation and discretion of the Chair of the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects.

Eligibility

Entrants must be either a UK registered architect; an architectural practice at least one of whose principals is a registered architect; or a student studying architecture and registered as a RIBA Student Member.

There is no limit to the number of project submissions each entrant can make. Projects may only be submitted to one project category. Submissions from previous years cannot be submitted again in the same category.

Project Categories

Entries are invited to the following six categories.

- 1 Built Private House
- 2 Unbuilt Private House
- 3 Built Project in Worcestershire
- 4 Unbuilt Project in Worcestershire
- 5 Built Project outside Worcestershire
- 6 Unbuilt Project outside Worcestershire

In addition, awards will be made for excellent contribution to **Conservation** and **Sustainability** where entrants express a desire to be considered for these awards.

All eligible submissions will be considered for the **People's Choice Award** shortlist. The shortlist will be decided by the Worcester News and award selected by their readership.

Criteria

Projects located in Worcestershire (1-4) can be submitted by an eligible entrant based anywhere in the UK. Projects outside Worcestershire (1-2, 5-6) must be submitted by an eligible entrant based in Worcestershire.

Individual residential projects may only be submitted to categories 1 and 2. Projects in the private house categories may be located anywhere, those which are outside Worcestershire must be by an eligible entrant based in Worcestershire.

To be considered for the **Conservation Award** or **Sustainability Award**, entrants must submit a supporting statement to explain the relevant design aspects, together with supporting contextual information.

Worcestershire will be defined by the boundaries of the local planning authorities within the county.

Submissions in the built categories (1, 3 & 5) must have reached Practical Completion between 1 May 2021 and 30 April 2026.

Submissions in the unbuilt categories (2, 4 & 6) must not be commencing on site before the end of 31 August 2026.

RIBA student members based in Worcestershire are encouraged to enter any of their studio projects for one of the unbuilt project categories (4 & 6). Students based outside Worcestershire are welcome any studio projects which are for a site located in Worcestershire (category 4).



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Submission Requirements

All entries must be submitted electronically using the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects website and following the submission instructions.

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Entries are invited from 22nd June 2026 and will be accepted until 5pm on Friday 31st July 2026.

Each project submitted must be accompanied by a completed entry form and include:

- A1 landscape project presentation board in .pdf format.
- One key image of the project in .jpg format.

Digital files should be at 300dpi resolution for high quality print. No individual file should exceed 20MB.

The content of the project presentation board is at the discretion of entrants, however, to assist the judges and for exhibition, should include:

- The name of the entrant.
- Project name and location.
- A description of the project to explain the brief, context, constraints and architectural design response (200-500 words).
- A site plan and other context information.

Entries for the **Conservation Award** should include a statement on the project's conservation setting, the heritage value of the building, and the response to it.

Entries for the **Sustainability Award** should include a statement explaining how the project is sustainable. This may include design energy in use, energy and carbon in use performance data, embodied carbon, materials, water usage, and biodiversity, this is not an exhaustive list.

Entries are not made anonymously as it is intended that the Awards scheme provides publicity for the entrant. Practice logo and contact information may be displayed on the presentation board.

Text should be in Helvetica or similar sans-serif font, and be of sufficient size to be read in an exhibition setting.

Entry Fee

As a result of the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects having been able to secure RIBA Local Initiative Funding, we are pleased to be able offer free entry to RIBA Chartered Practices, RIBA Chartered Members, Fellows, Associates, and Student members.

Each submission by other eligible entrants will incur a fee of £35. An invoice will be sent by the WSCA once a submission is received. Prompt payment is required and submissions with outstanding invoices will not be considered or exhibited. Non-RIBA entrants who made a submission to the Awards previously are entitled to one half price (£17.50) submission.

Publicity

It is the intention of the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects to display all eligible submissions at the exhibition in some form.

Details of the Worcestershire Architecture Awards and exhibition will be circulated to local and architectural press for publication, as well as other media outlets. In making a submission the entrant confirms that all submitted material has been cleared for use by the copyright holder and permission has been obtained from the project client.

The entrant agrees all material submitted can be published by the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects, the RIBA, Worcester News, and any other third party, including but not limited to print, online and social media. The Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects does not guarantee the extent of any media coverage or its placement.

Submissions may be printed for display and the print will remain the property of the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects.

Other Terms

Submitted projects must be the original work of the entrant. Where projects have been substantially co-authored this should be clearly stated on the presentation board and entry form. Where necessary, permission to submit the project must be obtained from all co-authors.

Client permission must be obtained to submit the project into the Awards.

Entries will be assessed solely on the basis of the submitted presentation board. Judges will not visit sites.

In the event of a project category being either over or under subscribed the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects may, at their discretion, create additional categories, sub-categories, or combine categories, into which eligible submissions may be reallocated.

The Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects reserves the right to exclude any submitted material from the Awards scheme, exhibition or other subsequent display.

The information submitted on the entry form, including personal data, will be stored and processed by the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects to administer the Awards, exhibition, and publicity purposes. Information will be retained to assist in improving and arranging future Awards and events, and an archive of submissions will be published on the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects website.

If you have any queries please contact
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Entrant Details

Entrant Name
architect, practice or student _____

ARB no. _____

RIBA Membership/
Chartered Practice no. _____

Entrant Address _____
must be in Worcestershire for projects based elsewhere in UK _____ Postcode _____

Contact Number _____

Contact Email _____

Project Details

Project Name _____

Project Address _____
must be in Worcestershire for entrants based elsewhere in UK _____ Postcode _____

Project Description _____

Award Category

choose one category

- ☐ **1 Built Private House**
- ☐ **2 Unbuilt Private House**
- ☐ **3 Built Project in Worcestershire**
- ☐ **4 Unbuilt Project in Worcestershire**
- ☐ **5 Built Project outside Worcestershire**
- ☐ **6 Unbuilt Project outside Worcestershire**

Special Award

tick below for the project to be considered for a special award

- ☐ **Conservation Award**
Entries for the Award should include a statement on the project's conservation setting, the heritage value of the building, and the response to it.
- ☐ **Sustainability Award**
Entries for the Award should include a statement explaining how the project is sustainable. This may include design energy in use, energy and carbon in use performance data, embodied carbon, materials, water usage, and biodiversity, this is not an exhaustive list.
- ☐ **Student Entry**

Submission Checklist

entries to be submitted online at ribaworcestershire.co.uk/awards

- ☐ A1 landscape project presentation board in .pdf format (300 dpi resolution)
- ☐ One key image of the project in .jpg format (300 dpi resolution)
- ☐ A completed entry form for each project submission
- ☐ Supporting information for consideration of a special award, as above (if applicable)
- ☐ Signed image release form (next page)

Declaration

by signing this form the entrant confirms

- ☐ They agree to abide by the eligibility criteria and all other terms stated
- ☐ The project submitted is the work of the entrant
- ☐ They have obtained client consent to submit the project

Signed _____ Date _____

Complete submissions must be received no later than 5pm, Friday 31st July 2026.

Image release form

Name: _____ (the **Licensor, you, your**)

Address: _____

You hereby grant to the Worcestershire Society of Chartered Architects, the Royal Institute of British Architects and members of its group companies (**RIBA**), for good and valuable consideration, permission to use your name and the visual materials submitted as part of this entry for the Worcestershire Architecture Awards 2026 (the **Material**) in all formats and platforms and in any and all media now known or hereafter developed, in relation to distributing and publishing the Material for the purposes of promoting and publicising the Awards and the Society, and for as long as RIBA deems necessary (**Permitted Use**).

1. You represent and warrant that:

- I. you are the sole owner of all copyright, trade mark, and other intellectual property and proprietary rights in and to the Material,
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- III. you are not a party to and the Material is not subject to any contract or arrangement that would conflict with your permission herein, and
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Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____