Marsh Award for Community Archaeology

Award

The Award recognises and promotes the results of research and/or fieldwork led by community groups which have made a substantial contribution to knowledge and wellbeing. It is awarded annually to a voluntary group or individual active in the UK. The official ceremony for the award will be made at the CBA’s AGM and the winner/s will receive £1000.

Eligibility

All voluntary groups and individuals actively involved in researching the archaeological heritage of the UK are eligible for the Award. The work cited in the nomination must have been undertaken during the previous three years, although earlier work can also be cited as additional supporting information. The work must have been carried out within the United Kingdom, including its coastal and offshore waters.

Judging

Judging will be made by Brian Marsh OBE, of the Marsh Christian Trust, the sponsor of the award, from a short list drawn up by a selection panel chaired by the Director of the Council for British Archaeology.

Criteria

The Award will be made on the basis of criteria which are considered to be the hallmarks of high quality voluntary research on the archaeological heritage:

- The work was led by a voluntary group, but with the engagement of various interested parties (such as landowners, local authorities, statutory bodies, heritage agencies), as appropriate
- The work made a contribution to knowledge and enhances public education and understanding in relation to archaeology
- The work was accessible to wide audiences and led to enhanced wellbeing for participants and others
- The material on which the work was based has been appropriately disseminated and archived, or arrangements have been made for archiving in due course

Useful guidance on the standards expected for archaeological work is available on the Introduction to Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Practice website: www.isgap.org.uk

Entry procedure

Individuals can nominate their own or someone else’s project in writing including the following information:

- Name of the nominated project, and contact details for the project team
- The address and telephone number of the person making the nomination
- An explanation of why the nominated project deserves the award, referring to the criteria above. This should be no more than 500 words, and can include photographs, website links, videos and other content
- If the nominee is entering their own project, they should include a testimonial from someone else who knows about their project, for example an archaeologist or fellow volunteer

Any questions?

All nominations and enquiries should be directed to the CBA by emailing marshawards@archaeologyuk.org or by telephone on 01904 671 417.
Young Archaeologist of the Year

Award

This award recognises a young person or group of young people under the age of 18 who have made an outstanding contribution to community archaeology. The 2015 award will be made at the CBA’s AGM in London in the autumn. The winner/s will receive £250.

Eligibility

Entrants must be aged 17 or under. All young people actively involved in the archaeological heritage of the UK are eligible for the Award. The work cited in the nomination must have been undertaken during the previous three years, although earlier work can also be cited as additional supporting information. The work must have been carried out within the United Kingdom, including its coastal and offshore waters.

Judging

Judging will be made by Brian Marsh OBE, of the Marsh Christian Trust, the sponsor of the award, from a short list drawn up by a selection panel chaired by the Director of the Council for British Archaeology.

Criteria

The Award will be made on the following criteria:

• The winner/s will demonstrate real enthusiasm for archaeology
• The winner/s will have developed their own knowledge and skills in archaeology
• The winner/s will have shared their experience of archaeology with others

Entry procedure

Individuals can nominate themselves or others in writing including the following information:

• Name of the nominee
• The nominee’s age on 31 August 2015
• The nominees address and telephone number
• The name and contact details for the person making the nomination
• An explanation of why the nominee deserves the award, referring to the criteria above. This should be no more than 500 words, and can include photographs, website links, videos and other content
• If the nominee is entering themselves, they should include a testimonial from an adult who knows about their project, for example a YAC branch leader, a teacher or an archaeologist

Any questions?

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Community Archaeologist of the Year

Award

This award recognises an individual volunteer or professional who is going above and beyond their role to contribute to community archaeology. The 2015 award will be made at the CBA’s AGM in London in the autumn. The winner will receive £500.

Eligibility

Entrants must be aged 18 or over. All volunteers or professionals actively involved in community archaeology in the UK are eligible for the Award. The work cited in the nomination must have been undertaken during the previous three years, although earlier work can also be cited as additional supporting information. The work must have been carried out within the United Kingdom, including its coastal and offshore waters.

Judging

Judging will be made by Brian Marsh OBE, of the Marsh Christian Trust, the sponsor of the award, from a short list drawn up by a selection panel chaired by the Director of the Council for British Archaeology.

Criteria

The Award will be made on the following criteria:

- The winner will have inspired others to get involved in archaeology
- The winner will have helped others to develop skills and knowledge in archaeology
- The winner will have broken down barriers to participation in archaeology

Entry procedure

Individuals can nominate themselves or others in writing including the following information:

- Name of the nominee
- The nominee’s address and telephone number
- The name and contact details of the person making the nomination
- An explanation of why the nominee deserves the award, referring to the criteria above. This should be no more than 500 words, and can include photographs, website links, videos and other content.
- If the nominee is entering themselves, they should include a testimonial from someone else who knows about their project, for example an archaeologist or fellow volunteer.

Any questions?

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