

National Church Awards 2024

In 2024 the National Church Awards have been inspired by the work and legacy of Lord Patrick Cormack, a champion of church buildings, who dedicated his life to helping to keep them open and in use.

He was a Trustee of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust from 1972-2004, our youngest ever Trustee. He remained a Vice President of the National Churches Trust until his death in 2024. He was also an active member of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, Lincolnshire Churches Trust, the Council for British Archaeology, the Historic Buildings Council, Heritage in Danger, and a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

He was a member of the Church of England, Rector's Warden and 'Parliamentary Warden' of St Margaret Westminster, and churchwarden at St Mary Enville, and from 2018 until his death he was Deputy High Steward of Lincoln Cathedral.

Lord Cormack was one of Britain's longest-serving parliamentarians, with a combined total of fifty-four years in the Palace of Westminster. Through his time in the Houses of Commons and Lords he campaigned and spoke out for churches.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Churches are treasure houses of heritage, community, worship and more. We know that their glorious heritage and incredible community engagement are built upon and sustained by the ongoing efforts of a vast army of supporters and volunteers.

This special award recognises a person or team's lifetime dedication to a particular church, chapel or meeting house or to places of worship in general. It celebrates the achievement of an individual or group which has dedicated time, care and love for more than 25 years towards this cause.

Maybe they have spoken up about the importance of churches, created new initiatives to help churches buildings to thrive or faithfully served your church or church body in a way that has led to positive changes over the years.

You can nominate an individual or group. There are no strict guidelines or criteria for the award because we'd like to hear about those truly special people who have made an exceptional contribution.

Your nomination will be reviewed by an expert panel.

We will award one winner in each of the four UK nations.

Timeline

- Submit your nomination by **Saturday 31 August 2024**
 - We will be announcing the results at the National Church Awards ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday 22 October 2024
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Making a nomination

You can find the form to submit your nomination here:

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/impact/awards>

We recommend that you prepare your nomination in a separate document before copying and pasting it into the online form. This will help you to make best use of the character limits for each question, whilst ensuring you tell us everything you want us to know.

You will need to email at least 3 images.

- If possible, please rename them, this will help us to match them to your entry
- Please include a photo of the person or group
- You can also send a link to a film, if you have one
- Please email them to sarah.crossland@nationalchurchestrust.org

You will receive an email with a link to enable you to amend your nomination up until the closing date.

Below are the questions, so that you can prepare your answers offline.

- Some questions are mandatory (marked with an asterisk).
 - Some character limit, which is listed here.
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Questions

Contact details for the main and second contact for this nomination

- First contact name * (50 character limit)
- Phone number * (50 character limit)
- Email address * (50 character limit)

- Second contact name * (50 character limit)
- Phone number * (50 character limit)
- Email address * (50 character limit)

About your nominee

- Name of nominee(s) * (250 character limit)
- Description of the contribution / achievement of the nominee(s) * (1500 character limit)
- What difference / impact has their contribution made * (1500 character limit)
- Does the nominee(s) have links to any specific churches, organisations or areas * (750 character limit)
- Is/are the nominee(s) based in:
 - England
 - Wales
 - Scotland
 - Northern Ireland

