



The Association for Industrial Archaeology

Dorothea Award for Conservation – Rules and Criteria

General Rules

- Entries must be accompanied by the official **Entry Form**, obtainable from www.industrial-archaeology.org and sent by post to The Secretary, Association for Industrial Archaeology, Ironbridge Gorge Museum, Coalbrookdale, Telford TF8 7DQ, or by email to secretary@industrial-archaeology.org.
- The Awards are annual. Entries must be received by 1st March of each year. Later entries can be considered for the following year.
- Winners will be notified in mid-June, followed by formal presentations at the annual AIA conference, usually held in September.
- Judges are appointed by AIA Council. Their decision is final.
- The Association reserves the right to review and/or publish any entry in *Industrial Archaeology News* without fee, but copyright in text and pictures would remain with the author(s). It will be the author's responsibility to obtain clearance for material for which they do not own copyright.

Criteria

Entries must be made on the official entry form, where an outline description of the project is submitted. Short-listed projects may be asked for a more detailed submission at a later date, and will be visited by one of the judges. To be eligible for entry, projects must be concerned primarily with the conservation of a site or object of industrial, agricultural, or domestic archaeological interest.

Projects are restricted to work on sites or objects within England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Projects must have been undertaken by amateur and voluntary groups or individuals. Individuals or groups which are attached to a professional organisation (e.g., a Friends of the museum group) will be eligible.

Members of the group should not have received remuneration other than the receipt of agreed expenses, for any work or services contributing to the project. It is accepted that it may be necessary to obtain paid professional advice to meet legal or statutory requirements, and funding from sponsors or lottery grants etc., must be declared.

Projects must have been in progress for a period of not less than six months at the time of the application. The following criteria, where appropriate, will be taken into account when judging entries, and should therefore form the basis for your application:

- the scope and nature of the project;
- the significance of the project in national, regional, or local terms, and its added value to the community;
- the nature, size and previous experience of the group undertaking the project;
- the progress made in the project, in relation to the available resources of finance and manpower;
- the quality of record keeping in relation to the project the use which could be made of the Award;
- the generation, by the conservation process of any new insight into our industrial past;
- the protection of the environment offered by the project;
- proposals for maintenance and future care on completion of the project.

Whilst every effort will be taken to safeguard the information submitted, the organisers cannot accept responsibility for any subsequent loss or damage. The submitted copy will be retained in the association archive.