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# MPA Quarries & Nature Awards 2027

**The MPA's Quarries & Nature Awards are a celebration of industry best practice in delivery of nature conservation and the restoration of sites. They recognise achievement, share innovation and showcase the industry's commitment, expertise and unique role in supporting nature.**

The Awards generally are held every two years, and in the past have involved numerous entries from member companies showcasing a wide range of activity and achievements on a wide range of sites around the UK. Entries are now open for the 2027 Awards.

The categories are:

- **Restoration:**
  - **Completed Schemes** (including phases)
  - **Planned Schemes** (permitted but not yet completed)
- **Biodiversity:**
  - **Landscape-scale** (large-scale delivering bigger, better, more and joined habitats)
  - **Planned** (permitted but not yet commenced)
  - **Innovation** (addressing challenges or specific measures going above and beyond what is required)
  - **Smaller sites** (for sites less than 5 hectares in area)
  - **Individual or group contribution** (for outstanding work and contribution to wildlife)

They apply to all producer members of the MPA and to mineral product sites of all types. Sites may be managed or owned by the MPA member or a third party as long as the entrant has a clear involvement in creating the biodiversity or restoration the site. Consultants working with producer members may also apply in association with members. Entries can include sites or projects entered previously but which have progressed or demonstrate new features.

Quarries & Nature has evolved from the Restoration Awards that have run for over 50 years, and the more recent Biodiversity Awards. In 2021, the MPA produced a celebratory special booklet and film which we recommend viewing to get a feel for the type of entries we receive.

Please send entries to rhian.geary@mineralproducts.org by **Friday 29th January 2027**, either by email attachment or a file sharing link.

Please also provide photos as separate JPG or PNG image files, preferably high resolution. By providing these you give MPA permissionto use in future publicity. If credits are necessary, it is the responsibility of the entrant company to tell MPA what these are.

Preliminary assessment will be desk based and shortlisted sites visited and filmed in late Spring/early Summer 2027. The Awards Eventis likely to be in London in Autumn 2027.

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*Image: 2025 Cooper-Heyman Cup Winner: Tarmac and RSPB, Langford Quarry, Nottinghamshire.*