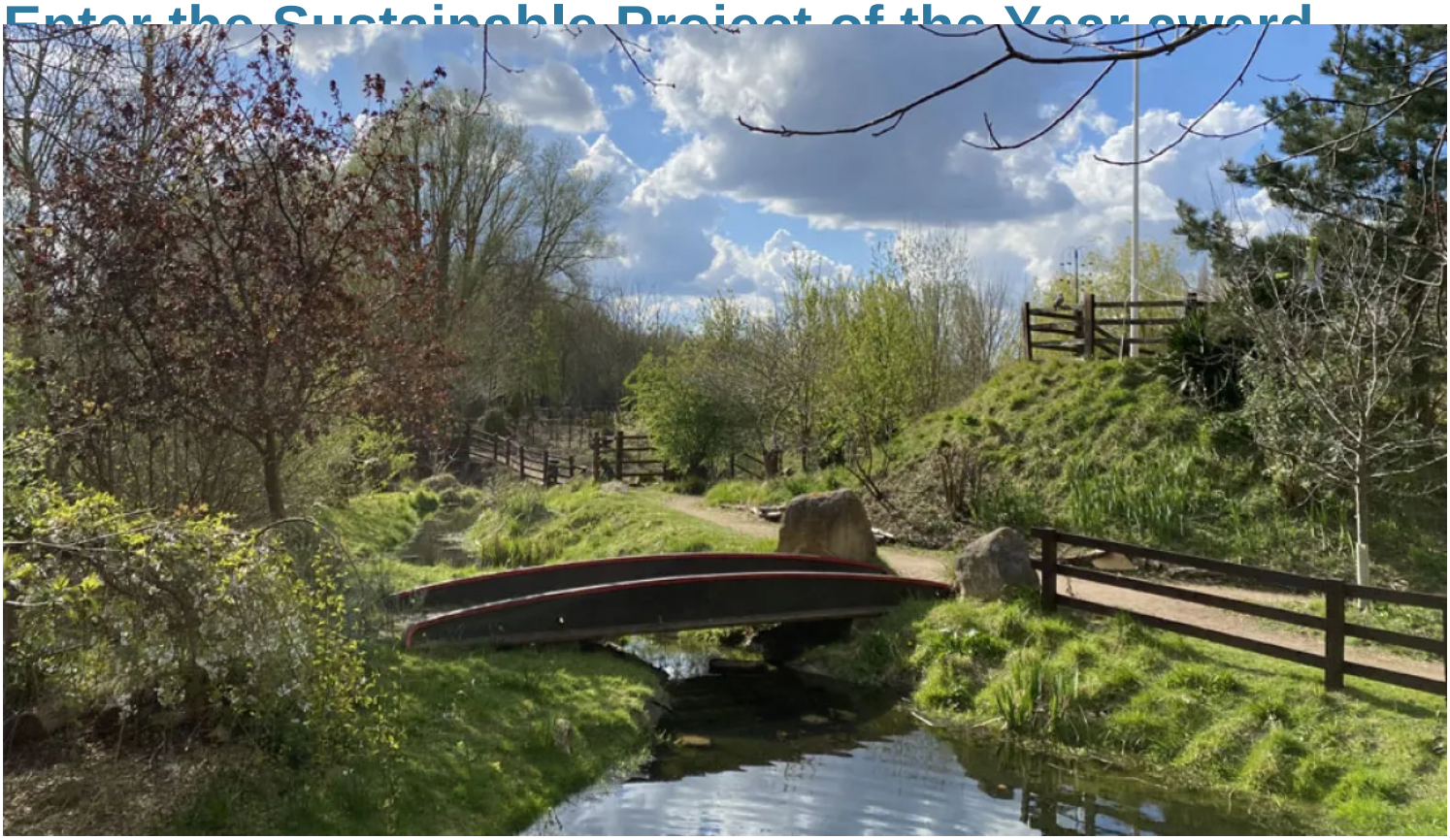
# Enter the Sustainable Project of the Year award



An old iron railway bridge has been repurposed as a footbridge over a pond, one of the many habitats created in this inner-city green space. Credit: Railworld Wildlife Haven.

We’re proud to sponsor the sustainability prize at the Museums + Heritage awards, celebrating outstanding projects and exhibitions that are addressing the climate crisis.

The heritage sector plays an important role in helping to tackle climate change and protect our natural world. We’re looking for environmentally sustainable projects or exhibitions that help to achieve this.

The award is free to enter and open until 30 January 2026.

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The award helps to shine a light on creative approaches that can also inspire others to embed sustainability at the heart of what they do.

## What we're looking for

We want to see outstanding environmentally sustainable projects or exhibitions that demonstrate best practice in managing or communicating environmental impacts.

Your project may have used, for example, energy efficiency measures, green visitor travel planning or unique approaches to engaging audiences with the climate crisis.

Entries should also identify any wider economic, social or environmental benefits to the organisation or community which have come from 'thinking sustainably'.

Projects must be based in the UK and have been delivered in 2025.

## There will be up to two winners

1. One which has used simple, affordable and easily-transferable approaches.
2. One which is a project with environmental sustainability embedded at its heart.

For inspiration, take a look at some of our previous winners including Stourbridge Glass Museum and Railworld Wildlife Haven in 2025 and The Scottish Crannog Centre and Roots and Branches in 2024.

## Key dates

- Entry deadline: 30 January 2026
- Shortlist announced: mid-March 2026
- Winners announced at an awards ceremony: May 2026

## Supporting nature and the environment

Alistair Brown, Head of Museums, Libraries and Archives Policy at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "We are really proud to sponsor this award, which is all about showcasing the best environmental projects in the heritage sector and encouraging others to take action.

"We've had some truly inspiring previous winners and we're looking forward to seeing your entries this year. This work is more relevant than ever, and we can't wait to celebrate the exciting sustainability projects that the sector has delivered in the past year."

Visit the Museums + Heritage awards website for more information and to apply.

## Run an environmentally sustainable project

Find out what we expect from the projects we fund and discover some tips on being environmentally sustainable:

- Read our environmental sustainability guidance
- Explore our protecting the environment investment principle
- Get inspiration on how to consider environmental sustainability in your project



Artwork was created using recycled materials for the Greener Glass exhibition. Credit: Stourbridge Glass Museum.



## ard-winning environmentally friendly approach

Volunteers at the Railworld Wildlife Haven. Credit: Railworld Wildlife Haven.

## Case study: Railworld Wildlife Haven’s journey to an award-winning attraction



## How we're tackling the climate crisis