

## **Award Terms & Conditions: BCA Clive Beattie Award 2026**

1. Any High Peak resident aged 16-30, who actively volunteers, is eligible to be nominated, except politicians, council members, charity spokespersons, persons where helping wildlife, heritage or arts are their main source of income, people in a campaigning position, BCA employees or any person connected to the Awards and their close relatives. Nominees aged under 18 will require parental or guardian consent to be nominated. Proof of age, identity, eligibility and consent (where applicable) may be requested.

2. The nominee must:

- either be an individual, or an activity group involved in the same activity;
- offer help that does not normally form part of their job or normally take place at their place of work unless such help goes above and beyond their paid work activities in which case an explanation will be required;
- help voluntarily with no financial reward;
- in the opinion of the person nominating be deserving of a BCA Award;
- not bring the BCA into disrepute (in the BCA's sole discretion); and
- have consented or have parental consent to be nominated.

Please note, you cannot nominate yourself or a group you are a part of.

3. Nominations must be made via BCA website through the dedicated online web form. Entries must be between 500 – 800 words and are encouraged to include photos and/or videos.

4. Nominations will be accepted from **8<sup>th</sup> January 2026** and must be received no later than **11.59pm (UK time) on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. The activity should cover the 12 months prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

5. All nominations must be on the official online BCA form which can be accessed via [www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/clive-beattie-award](http://www.buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk/clive-beattie-award). Persons nominating should declare any professional or personal relationship with the person or people nominated.

6. The BCA will appoint a panel who will shortlist candidates. The shortlisting criteria will be:

- The impact they have had on their local environment/heritage/arts;
- The extent of the nominee's contribution; and
- The personal sacrifices or commitment made by the nominee;

7. Actions which qualify for criteria above will be considered primarily on the previous twelve months. Fundraising activities will be eligible for consideration in the award but fundraising itself is not a criterion and will not gain additional credit in shortlisting the nominations or selection of the winner.

8. A judging panel will then meet to select the overall winner based on the criteria above and any supporting documentation about each of them. The panel will consist of representatives from the BCA and leading figures with an interest in the natural world.

9. The overall winner will be announced **20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

10. The judges' decision as to the winner is final. No correspondence relating to the awards will be entered into.

11. The Award team may undertake social media checks of entrants to the Award. Entrants warrant they have not acted or omitted to act in a manner that will bring the BCA into disrepute. Where it deems appropriate, the BCA may require shortlisted entrants to undertake DBS checks, specifics of which will be agreed between the BCA and the entrant if required. Information discovered or that may have been disclosed by the entrants themselves will

inform the decision as to the selection of the finalists. Disqualification will not be automatic, but the decision is in the sole discretion of the BCA. Information will be shared with the BCA and be handled in the strictest confidence and as with all personal data, in accordance with the BCA's Privacy Notice.

12. The winner will receive a cash award of £125 and a trophy, presented at the BCA Annual General Meeting. If the winner should be a group, only one cash award of £125 and one trophy will be awarded. The award cannot be sold or transferred in any circumstances. No commercial gain can be made from using or referencing the BCA brand, the award itself or any other element of this award's process. This amount will be subject to review by BCA on an annual basis.

13. Shortlisted entrants may be invited to take part in award publicity.

14. All winners must agree to take part in any post-award publicity, including BCA social media channels.

15. The BCA reserves the right to:

- vary the opening and closing times for making nominations and to vary the date of the announcement of the awards;
- disqualify any nominee who breaches the rules or has acted fraudulently in any way; and/or
- cancel or vary the awards, the rules, or any of the selection processes or criteria, at any stage, if in its sole opinion it is deemed necessary or if circumstances arise outside of its control.

16. The BCA, its sub-contractors, subsidiaries and/or agencies cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for any technical failure or malfunction or any other problem which may result in any nomination not being properly registered.

17. To the extent permitted by law, the BCA will not be liable for any loss or damage (whether such damage or losses were foreseen, foreseeable, known or otherwise) including financial, reputational loss or disappointment.

18. Persons nominating and nominees will be deemed to have accepted these rules and agree to be bound by them.

19. The promoter of the awards is the BCA, and these rules are subject to the laws of England and Wales.