Award Categories

1: Community Woodland Award
An award for woodland planting or management projects that have been inspired, driven, and delivered by local community groups. There should be (i) tangible evidence of collaboration with local people and groups, with demonstrable community gains (ii) active management and/or planting of woodlands (iii) evidence of long term management and co-operation that will ensure the sustainability of the project and resilient woodland.

2: Community Tree Award
An award for tree planting or other tree related projects that have been inspired, driven, and delivered by local community groups. There should be (i) tangible evidence of collaboration with local people and groups, with demonstrable community gains (ii) active management and/or planting of trees (iii) evidence of long term management and co-operation that will ensure the sustainability of the project.

3: Acorn Award
An award for an individual member of the public who has made a particular contribution to promoting or conserving trees, for example a student who has shown considerable aptitude and achieved success through a particular project or training course, or an extraordinary individual who has shown dedication through voluntary involvement.

4: Trees and Water Award
An award to recognise the importance of trees within Sustainable Urban Drainage projects. This category is open to developers, boroughs, business improvement districts, regeneration schemes. Projects need to:
(i) include rationale behind the tree management; demonstrate an overall increase in tree cover and/or sensitive incorporation of existing mature trees in the SuDs; before and after photos; extracts from relevant design documents, specifications
(ii) demonstrate either:
   a. that new trees are at least 3 years in the ground, are stable in the ground with all above ground support systems removed, show measurable incremental extension growth across the whole canopy along with commensurate increase in stem girth or
   b. that an extensive, funding secured, maintenance scheme has been established to ensure the trees establish.
(iii) explain how trees in the SuDs are performing a function over and above their amenity value

5: Borough Tree and Woodland Award
An award for tree or woodland planting or management project that has been led by a London borough. There should be (i) tangible evidence active management and/or planting of trees or woodlands (ii) evidence of long term management and co-operation that will ensure the sustainability of the project (iii) examples of innovation or good practice which go beyond ‘business as usual’ and demonstrate an approach which could be replicated elsewhere.

6: Trees and Business Award
An award for tree planting or management project led by or with significant business involvement. There should be (i) tangible evidence of the businesses commitment to tree planting or management (ii) evidence of long term involvement, commitment or ambition (iii) examples of innovation or good practice which could be taken up by other businesses.
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7: London Wood Enterprise Award
An award for a wood product made in London of sustainable timber from London’s urban forest. As well as the product itself, the judges will look for evidence of the wood's provenance, and that it was felled legally and sustainably; this could be through a certification scheme, approved woodland management plan or felling licence. Please use the form to explain the provenance of the timber, and email photos of the wood product.

8: The Tree Council Trees and Learning Award
An award for a project that has engaged and involved children of any age up to 16. The panel will be looking for
   (i) evidence that the project has resulted in a sustainable tree-related educational and planting programme in which U16s have taken an active part
   (ii) evidence of increased knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the environment by the children and young people who have participated
   (iii) evidence of sustainable environmental improvements

9: The LTOA individual Commitment Award
An award for an individual employed professionally within London who has shown consistent dedication and commitment over a prolonged period. For example in the advancement of tree and/or woodland management within London, or has demonstrated a significant contribution that has made a particular difference to tree and/or woodland care within their organisation. The winner of this is decided by the London Tree Officers Association Executive Committee

10: Lockdown London Tree Champions Award
An award for an individual, community group, business, charity, professional or borough within London who has gone the extra mile to help London’s trees and communities during the pandemic.
For example undertaking or encouraging others to help water establishing trees, creating opportunities for people to access trees and woodlands safely either physically or virtually, providing an education resource or other opportunities to inspire the local community to learn and appreciate the trees around them, raising the profile of the benefits of trees to help with health and wellbeing.

The nomination panel will review the entries for this award and will then create a public vote to decide the winner of this award.