



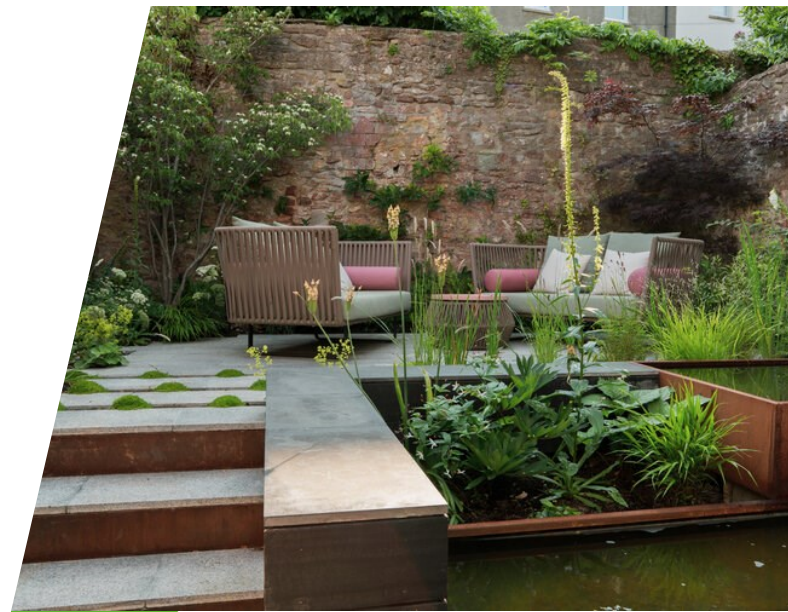
The Association of
**Professional
Landscapers**
Awards 2025

**ENTER BEFORE 31 MARCH 2024 AND PAY ONLY £80+ VAT
PER ENTRY!**

AFTER 31 MARCH 2024 PRICE WILL INCREASE TO £95+VAT PER ENTRY



**CELEBRATING THE
QUALITY, PASSION
AND EXCELLENCE
OF APL MEMBERS**



CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2024

Projects shown are by Landform Consultants Ltd, Greenscape Gardens and Artisan Landscapes

Our Awards...

We're looking for projects that show technical and horticultural excellence. In construction categories you need to demonstrate disciplined construction methods with a quality finish. Show us how you've used your imagination to overcome any construction or site issues and where you've gone the extra mile to ensure complete customer satisfaction. Designers need to demonstrate creative, well thought out schemes, that are workable. Maintenance contractors or Professional Gardeners need to show how they manage their projects allowing the gardens to flourish. Awards will go to the entries which show attention to detail, technical excellence and an overall level of quality.

Value Categories:

Project Value under £20,000

Project Value £20,000 - £35,000

Project Value £35,000 - £50,000

Project Value £50,000-£65,000

Project Value £65,000-£80,000

Project Value £80,000-£100,000

Project Value £100,000-£175,000

Project Value £175,000-£250,000

Project Value over £250,000

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Specialist Categories:

Soft Landscaping

Hard Landscaping

Garden Feature

Overall Design & Build

APL Designer of the Year

Commercial Garden

Community Garden

Maintenance

APL Collaboration

Swimming Pools (Natural & In-ground)

Sustainability & Biodiversity Award

Designer value category under £75,000

Designer value category over £75,000

Entries can be altered at judging stage to fit entries that have been submitted

Value Categories:

Invoices must be supplied with your entries, these will be checked to ensure your project is in the correct value category.

Specialist Categories:

Soft Landscaping: We're seeking projects which demonstrate horticultural excellence in the successful integration and establishment of soft landscape into the overall design. Show us the choice of appropriate plants, consideration into biodiversity and the overall level of quality in the planting and plant association. The application can only be accepted with relevant planting lists and an indication of the soil type.

Hard Landscaping: We're seeking projects which demonstrate technical excellence in the successful integration of hard landscape into the overall design. Show us how your skills have been applied to achieve quality in the choice and use of both materials and construction.

Overall Design & Build: We're seeking projects which combine design with technical and horticultural excellence. The project should deliver an entirely integrated landscape solution harmonising an aesthetically pleasing design with construction and horticultural excellence, demonstrating appropriate choices of materials, plants and environmental considerations. The design must have been produced by the company's in-house team. Applications can only be accepted when accompanied by full landscape plans, a site level survey, visuals and planting plans.

APL Designer of the Year: We're seeking to find creative and innovative landscape designs. We are interested in your choices of plants and materials, and any challenging aspects of the site. In particular, your scheme should detail any environmental considerations, and the plans submitted should include visuals of the design garden or landscape. Supporting details should include materials specifications and aspects such as a site level survey, safety procedures, security and access. Applications can only be accepted with the full set of plans provided to the landscaper.

Commercial Garden: We're seeking gardens or projects which have been designed for use in a business setting, and can

Sustainability & Biodiversity: This award is about taking action to restore nature and enhance biodiversity. The award is open to any project which aims to reduce impacts on nature. Judges will be looking for projects which effectively embed nature and biodiversity into the project.

APL Collaboration: We're seeking projects demonstrating excellence in both design and construction of a garden. The entry must recognise the joint working relationship between Accredited APL Landscaper and MAPL designer. The submission must include a statement from either party of around 150 words of how the collaboration worked, how a partnership has helped the process, how does the working relationship operate. The project should portray how a strong working relationship between a designer and landscaper can create a beautiful scheme from the start of the process to the final result.

Community Garden: We're seeking gardens which may have changed lives or added to the amenities either for young people or for the disadvantaged. Projects can include playgrounds (including both adventure or play equipment), skateboard parks, community gardens, public amenities, hospices or community allotment schemes. Fundraising is often a key part of the development of these facilities, and we are interested not only in the construction of the scheme, but how volunteers and the assembly of the project was achieved.

Maintenance: We're seeking applications from companies who carry out contract maintenance, and who are able to demonstrate effective maintenance schedules, including Health and Safety documentation, and evidence of environmental sustainability. It will be necessary to consider unit costs, and the value for money represented to the client. There should be evidence of sound horticultural practises, management of the project and support from the client.

New Company of the Year: The APL is a growing association and we have lots of new talent joining our community each year. New members who join between 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 will be automatically nominated for this award. The winner will demonstrate high levels of technical landscaping capability, excellent customer care and business management.

Our Rules...



Entrants must be a member of the APL at the time of submission and remain in applicable membership for the year the awards are announced (2025)






- 🌿 All materials and information given (with the exception of client name, location and costings) must be free of restrictions of reproduction so it can be used in the promotion of your work and of the APL Awards.
- 🌿 All entered schemes must have been started on or after **1 January 2021** (3 years).
- 🌿 Only projects where the landscape contracting elements have been carried out by full members or in collaboration with a full member are eligible. Only current, full APL Accredited Members will be eligible to win an award.
- 🌿 Permission of the client and the designer **must** be obtained in all cases.
- 🌿 You will need to facilitate the arrangement of an on-site visit should your entry reach the judging visits stage, all shortlisted projects must be visited in person by the judges.
- 🌿 The entry fee is per entry and must be paid when you enter the Awards
- 🌿 The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence or communication will be entered into.
- 🌿 Entrants cannot enter the same scheme into more than **1 Value Category**
- 🌿 Project values should be **NET of VAT**
- 🌿 All winners will be kept completely confidential until the APL Awards Lunch 2025.

The project will be identified by the 'project name' on your completed project information form. Entry forms must be completed and entries paid in full by **Friday 7 June 2024**. Acknowledgement of received entry will be by email from the APL Awards Team.

How, What, Why...

All projects are thoroughly invigilated by our team of respected industry judges. They review all entries individually, including visiting the projects. They then collaborate as a team ensuring all aspects are evaluated before deciding on the winners that represent the highest standards of landscaping.

Our expert panel look at the projects paying particular attention to ...

-  Quality of workmanship
-  Choice and use of materials and methods
-  Challenging issues and problem solving
-  Client satisfaction
-  Environmental impact, Biodiversity and sustainability.

Our awards cover all types of schemes, in our value categories and specialist categories and can offer a priceless marketing tool for you to help promote your business.

Competition success differentiates your business to clients demonstrating technical and horticultural excellence. They can help to recognise your team's capability, professionalism and commitment to creating beautiful, high quality gardens. Winning Entries will receive trade media coverage including APL Update, HTA News; they will also be posted on the APL and HTA websites and social media as well as being distributed to trade press.

Terms & Conditions

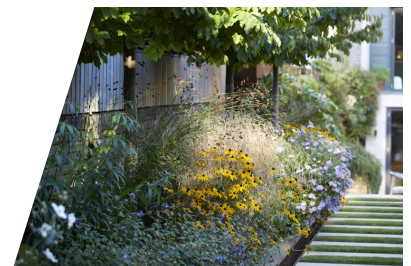
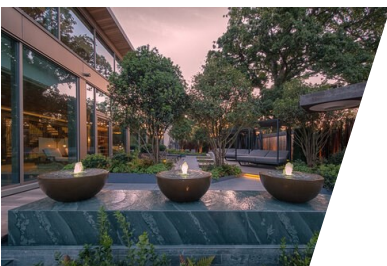
This entry form constitutes a legally binding agreement. APL cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of entry information. If you have not heard from us within 14 days of submitting your entry form, please contact APL Awards Team on **0333 0033 550** or email events@hta.org.uk.

We may contact you to ask for additional information and this is primarily to ensure that we can cover all aspects when it comes to judging the projects.

Cancellation by entrant: All cancellations must be made in writing and will incur **100% administration charge**. **Cancellation or alteration of event:** APL reserves the right at any time to cancel/alter the entry to an equivalent standing. In the event that the APL cancels or postpones the event, liability will be restricted to the entry fee paid and APL will not be responsible for any other costs incurred to entrants.

Privacy Policy: We wanted to let you know that we've updated our Privacy Policy to be in line with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Your data and privacy is important to us. Our Privacy Policy informs you how we collect, use, disclose, transfer and store your information. The full privacy policy is on the bottom of the home page of the website which you can find [here](#).

The Association of Professional Landscapers reserves the right to amend any rules or conditions as necessary. If there are insufficient entries in any category the judges reserve the right to amend or amalgamate categories as they see fit.



Entrants Checklist...

Use this checklist to check you have all the items you require, collate electronic versions of your project documents, designs and photographs etc. as defined with the entry rules. You need to fully complete the checklist for each entry to have your project put through to judging.

Action

Complete

Select Category

Project name

Project manager

Designer's name and permission (Obtain permission from your designer's to use the garden for the competition)

Architect's name (If applicable)

Photographer's name (If applicable)

Client name, address and permission (Obtain permission from your client to use the garden for the competition and for judges to carry out a visit to their garden should you reach the Shortlist stage)

Description of project 50 words max– Give us a feel for the brief, constraints and amount of work taken.

Estimate/Tender document – Full cost breakdown (PDF) *

Final invoice – Full cost breakdown (PDF)*

Labelled plans (PDF) - company name and project name

Supporting documents (if applicable) (2 Max) (this could be quotes from your client or initial client briefs.)

High resolution photos (made up of 2x Before, 2x During, 5x After, Close ups, Details and Features) There should be no people/tools in any after photos. Ensure photos are labelled.

Until all the above have been submitted, your entry will not be considered for judging. The entry form at www.aplawards.co.uk must be completed by 7 June 2024 and payment processed.

If you have any questions please contact events@hta.org.uk