

## CPRE HERTFORDSHIRE RURAL LIVING AWARDS

Supported by Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Life

1. There are two categories, each with its own criteria:

**a) Community**

Projects should include one or more of the following. They should be:

- conceived/fundraised for by the community
- give added value to community life
- have something innovative about them
- used by all areas and ages of the community
- bring the community together
- vibrant
- provide for continuity

*Examples of Rural Community Living Projects might be:*

- Community-owned/community-run shop or pub
- Community-run minibus/taxi service/car pool
- Good Neighbours Scheme, adopt-a-granny
- Community-run Festival/Event
- Volunteer management of a Community Hall/Community Service

**b) Environment**

Projects should include one or more of the following. They should:

- promote access to the countryside
- celebrate Hertfordshire's landscapes
- enhance the countryside for all to enjoy
- have something innovative about them
- promote local food/food production
- have potential for further development
- provide for continuity and be environmentally friendly

*Examples of Rural Community Environment Projects might be:*

- creating footpaths/improving access to existing footpaths
- scheme giving urban dwellers access to the countryside
- a photography or art project which celebrates Hertfordshire countryside
- a campaign to protect a valued local area from inappropriate development
- a volunteer litter-picking group
- a pub/restaurant/shop sourcing locally grown foods
- a community orchard

2. The following general criteria will apply to both categories. All projects considered should:

- Improve rural community life
- Be accessible to the community

*Innovation in achieving these criteria will be particularly welcome*

3. Public, private, commercial, voluntary and partnership projects are eligible. Consideration will also be given to town-based groups working on an Environment scheme based in a rural location

4. There are three special awards

- a) The Dorothy Abel Smith Award:** This award is presented to a young person, aged up to 21, who has made an outstanding contribution to Rural Life.
- b) The Peterkin Award:** This award is presented to an adult who has made an outstanding contribution to Rural Life.
- c) Rural Business in the Community Award:** Presented to a Rural Business (shop, pub or company) which has made an outstanding contribution to Community Life in Herts.

Projects will be assessed by a panel of judges and the results announced at an Awards Evening.