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Can you please forward this onto our community councils please

Thanks

Sara

Afternoon

The Greener Gateway Community Awards have returned bigger and better for 2024 and entries are now officially open.

Following another successful year last year, the Awards have expanded to include a new school category to celebrate the projects being undertaken by children and young people across the Borders that focus on sustainability and biodiversity.

Full details of the awards, the individual categories, entry guidelines and details on how to submit your entry are available to view on the SBC website:

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20032/parks\\_and\\_outdoors/664/greener\\_gateway\\_community\\_awards](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20032/parks_and_outdoors/664/greener_gateway_community_awards)

The Awards provide the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the civic pride, volunteering efforts and skills that help keep the towns and villages of the Scottish Borders looking so vibrant and cared for.

They also showcase the communities and community-led projects that take pride in their local environment whilst also acknowledging their efforts to make the region more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

Returning for this year are the more familiar settlement award categories, including the Wee Village Award, Small Village Award, Large Village Award and Town Award, as well as the Border Biodiversity Award, Cultivating Communities Award and Sustainability Award.

Following feedback from local communities, 2024 will also see the return of in-person judging for all settlement categories with entrants encouraged to submit supporting evidence digitally in the form of photographs, videos or links.

Entries can be submitted at any time either online or by paper copy up to the deadlines of 31<sup>st</sup> May for settlement awards, 24<sup>th</sup> June for school awards and 2<sup>nd</sup> August for other individual awards.

Judging of the submissions will take place during August, with an awards ceremony held in September to celebrate all the schools, community groups and projects who participated in the new programme of awards.

Gold, silver and bronze certificates will be awarded across all categories, with a separate 'Best in Category' award for each.

In addition, a £250 voucher will be awarded to the primary and secondary schools that are adjudged to be 'Best in Category' through the judging process.

Over the course of the last two years the new Awards have gained real momentum amongst communities, and I would ask you again to help promote them within your area and to any groups that may be interested.

Regards,

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