



Buckinghamshire Design Awards 2022 to 2023: Nominate your favourite new building or open space

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Overview

We want your nominations for the best examples of good design in Buckinghamshire from the last 4 years.

Buckinghamshire residents deserve great places to live and work as well as a healthy environment everyone can enjoy. Good design can help deliver this.

The Buckinghamshire Design Awards celebrate the best examples of good design in the county. They aim to raise the standards for future built development and land management in Buckinghamshire.

Any new development in Buckinghamshire that has been built / converted / restored in the last 4 years can be nominated for an award. It must be something that has been completed.

Anyone can nominate a new development for an award and you can nominate more than one example of good design. We just need to know:

- where it is,
- what it is, and
- why you like it

The first round of nominations was open between July and September 2022.

We are now opening a new round of nominations for the Design Awards. All previous nominations will automatically be considered.

Find out more about the Buckinghamshire Design Awards at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk>.

What do we mean by “good design”

Good design means that something is fit for purpose, durable and brings delight.

Well-designed places successfully integrate buildings, landscapes, and infrastructure to serve a wide range of uses, activities and people.

These places may endure and evolve over time. Their 'delight' is not just visual but may also sound, smell and feel great.

Sustainability also lies at the heart of good design. Building great places to live and work means including nature too.

Award categories

The award categories for the Design Awards 2022 to 2023 are:

- public spaces
- historic places
- unique buildings
- new communities
- travel and transport
- climate change and nature

If the type of project you are nominating or submitting is not listed here, choose one or more categories that seem the best fit.

Awards will be made on merit and may not be awarded in every category. This will be decided by an independent judging panel.

To help with your nomination, we've included some examples of the types of projects for each category:

- **public spaces**
 - attractive town centres
 - beautiful public parks and communal gardens
 - great spaces for play and leisure

- **historic places**
 - new life for old buildings
 - restored historic parks and gardens
 - creative heritage tourism
- **unique buildings**
 - funky architecture
 - excellent design for disabilities
 - clever conversions and retrofitting
- **new communities**
 - welcoming social and cultural spaces
 - great places to live
 - wonderful workplaces
- **travel and transport**
 - great cycling and walking facilities
 - beautiful streets
 - attractive bus / rail stations and routes
- **climate change and nature**
 - making space for nature / wild places
 - low energy / water use
 - using reclaimed / recycled materials

People's Choice Award

In addition to the formal judging, you will be able to vote for a People's Choice award.

In August 2023, we will present a shortlist of nominations for you to vote on your favourite new building or open space. Voting will be open until September 2023.

The People's Choice Award 2020 was won by [Great Kimble Church of England School and Pheasants in Hambleden](#).

How to nominate your favourite place

You can nominate a new building or open space in one of the following ways:

- complete the online nomination form at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com
- complete, and return, the printed version of the nomination form below
- email us at designawards@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

- write to us at Design Awards 2022 to 2023, Planning Department, Buckinghamshire Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB

If you have any questions about this form, please email us at designawards@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please submit your nomination(s) by midnight on Sunday 4 June 2023.

What happens next

Once all the nominations have been received, we will invite the agent / developer / owner of a nominated development to make a formal submission.

We will then prepare a shortlist that will be reviewed by an independent judging panel.

You'll get to view the shortlist and vote for the People's Choice Award between August and September 2023.

The awards, including the People's Choice Award, will be announced and presented at an awards ceremony on 2 October 2023.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Nominate your favourite new building or open space

You can nominate your own project or someone else's. At the time of nomination, the project must:

- be located in Buckinghamshire
- have been built / converted / restored in the last 4 years, and
- not be a previous winner of a Buckinghamshire Design Award

*Indicates a mandatory question

1. What is this place called? *

Please tell us the building name, place name or address:

2. Where is this place? *

Please tell us the full address / location:

3. What type of place is it? *

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Public space
- Historic place
- Unique building
- New community place
- Travel and transport
- Climate change and nature

4. Please tell us about this place and why you like it so much: *

5. Do you know who the place belongs to and / or who built it?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I'm the agent, builder, designer or owner of this place

If 'Yes', please tell us the name and contact details of the person / organisation / company:

About you

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details without your consent.

6. What is your name? *

Please tell us your first and last name:

7. May we publish your name as the nominator for this project? *

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No

8. How can we contact you if we need further details?

By providing us with your phone number and / or email address, you are consenting to us contacting you about your nomination only.

9. How did you find out about this nomination form? (Select all that apply)

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper or TV)
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- LinkedIn
- Nextdoor
- Buckinghamshire Business First newsletter
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Buckinghamshire Council newsletter
- From Buckinghamshire Council staff
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Word of mouth
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council
- Other (please give details below):

End of nomination form

Thank you for submitting a nomination for the Buckinghamshire Design Awards 2022 to 2023.

Please return your completed nomination form by midnight on **Sunday 4 June 2023**. You can:

- email it to designawards@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to Design Awards 2022 to 2023, Planning Department, Buckinghamshire Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB

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