



BRITISH PRECAST BEST PRACTICE AWARDS ENTRY PACK 2020

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The Awards

The prestigious British Precast Best Practice Awards recognise the successes within the precast industry and celebrate the achievements of our members. The awards are presented at our Annual Dinner. Entries are submitted by members in the following categories:

- Best Building Project
- Best Civils / Infrastructure / Landscaping Project
- Project Sustainability
- Production Sustainability
- Innovation
- Digital and Manufacturing Excellence
- Future Leader (nominations)

Electronic entries only please, to be submitted to: awards@britishprecast.org
The deadline for submissions is Friday 3rd July 2020.

One entry form for each distinct entry. Entries will be considered for any additional categories and do not need to be duplicated.

Why Enter?

The British Precast Awards are hugely respected in the industry and generate extensive publicity for all companies shortlisted. Short listed entries are featured in our annual review and receive excellent coverage and promotion on our websites and publications throughout the year.

The winners are announced at our annual dinner held at a Midlands venue which is always a fantastic night of networking and entertainment.

Space in the trophy cabinet? All winners receive a trophy on stage as part of an exciting evening.

Not convinced ... Here are 5 top reasons to enter the awards:

- 1. Be acknowledged for your leadership, innovation and excellence within the industry**
- 2. Reward employees for their part in a project or campaign**
- 3. Enhance your brand and reputation and make the most of a great PR opportunity**
- 4. Show your customers the quality of the work you produce**
- 5. Highlight best practice to make the sector safer and more sustainable.**

British Precast Best Practice Awards Pack 2020 Guidance for Submissions

Entries should comprise the following:

- 1) A completed entry form.
- 2) A description of the project or initiative: A submission of not more than 1000 words (typed in single spacing) consisting of:
 - i. An executive summary of the project or initiative.
 - ii. A description of the project or initiative stating the factors which, in the opinion of the entrant, merit consideration of the submission for this award. Entrants should pay specific attention to the judging criteria set out for each award category and structure their submission accordingly. Where possible supporting data and statistics should be given to help the judges evaluate the relative success of the project/initiative.
- 3) All entries shall be supported by appropriate photographs or illustrations. These shall be saved separately as JPEG files and be of high resolution.
- 4) If available, video may be submitted.
- 5) Please note that the calibre of a presentation is very important, especially the quality of photographs and drawings, as the judges depend on these to assess the merit and value of each project. Due to the number of categories and entries we receive it is not possible to carry out site visits. Any site visits carried out by British Precast staff will be for marketing purposes only and will not be part of the judging process.

What makes a Winner?

- 1) **Take time to read the criteria carefully** - Check the criteria for each award, they often are different for each category. Take a bit of time to read it and revert back to it when checking the entry to make sure that you have understood the entry process and have covered what the judges will be looking for.
- 2) **A photo says a thousand words** - People are visual creatures and the judges are no different. Why only tell them when you can show them! Photos are also vital when it comes to marketing and publicity. Get those high-quality images in there!
- 3) **Get off to a good start** - Write an exciting intro and make your best points first. Burying what makes your project or initiative stand out from the crowd on page 9 won't make as large an impression on the judges.
- 4) **Back it up** - Back up your assertions with evidence and detail. It is hard for the judges to credit the success of a project or initiative if they are unable to see the evidence to back it up. For example, stating that the use of precast concrete reduced the build time of a project should be quantified and compared to sourced information on average build times for projects of that size and type. Only the judges see the entire entry submission and they are themselves under a confidentiality agreement. You can include sensitive information in your entry and advise us not to mention it while we introduce it as being shortlisted or a winner.

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General Conditions

- 1) Entries may be submitted by any of the parties listed on the entry form.
- 2) The judges will have the right to reject any entry if the documentation does not in the opinion of the judges, comply with the guidance for submissions.
- 3) All materials submitted in connection with entries shall become the property of British Precast.
- 4) British Precast, Modern Masonry and MPA reserve the right, without the payment of fees or royalties, to make whatever use it may consider desirable of all material submitted in connection with the entries, including the publication of photographs and names, and to select from the entries at its own discretion material for exhibition or publication, irrespective of the results of the award.
- 5) The decision of the judges shall be binding on all persons. The discretion of the judges to make or withhold an award or awards is absolute. No form of discussion or correspondence relating to any decisions will be entered into by the judges. Judging is carried out by a panel of industry experts agreed by British Precast. British Precast staff do not actively sit on the panel or take part in the judging.
- 6) The judges may make no awards if suitably outstanding entries are not submitted.
- 7) By submitting an entry for this award, the party making the submission hereby warrants to the judges and to British Precast that it owns the copyright to all of the plans, photographs and other images submitted, or has obtained the copyright owner's consent to the submission, and the potential use of them as outlined in the paragraphs above, and the party making the submission hereby indemnifies British Precast and the judges against any liability that may arise out of the submission to, or use by, British Precast of any such plans, photographs or other images, howsoever arising.
- 8) Submissions in electronic form only, in a bid to go paperless. We accept WeTransfer or Dropbox for larger files. Please send to awards@britishprecast.org by no later than Friday 3rd July 2020.

Judging Criteria

The judging criteria for each category can be found in the corresponding annex to this document. Remember this is what the judges are considering when reviewing your entry.

- Best Building Project - Annex A
- Best Civils / Infrastructure Project / Landscaping - Annex B
- Project Sustainability - Annex C
- Production Sustainability - Annex D
- Innovation - Annex E
- Digital and Manufacturing Excellence - Annex F
- Future Leader - Annex G [separate entry form]

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Best Building Project - Annex A*

The judges will apply the following criteria:

- Properties of concrete and benefits of precast process exploited in the design
- Innovative use of precast concrete in composition, structure or form
- Innovation in concrete technology
- Effective use of digital technologies and modern manufacturing methods
- Sustainability
- Workmanship and finish
- Value for money
- Visual appearance and harmony of the structure with its surroundings
- Health and Safety Benefits of using precast concrete
- The judges require information about the original programme for construction and the programme achieved

Best Civils / Infrastructure/ Landscaping Project - Annex B

The judges will apply the following criteria:

- Properties of concrete and benefits of precast process exploited in the design
- Innovative use of precast concrete in composition, structure or form
- Innovation in concrete technology
- Effective use of digital technologies and modern manufacturing methods
- Sustainability
- Workmanship and finish
- Value for money
- Health and Safety Benefits of using precast concrete
- The judges require information about the original programme for construction and the programme achieved
- The project must have been completed within the last two years

Project Sustainability - Annex C*

The judges will apply the following criteria:

- Properties of concrete and benefits of precast process exploited in the design
- Consideration given to the principles of a circular economy
- Solutions or initiatives leading to lower embodied and operational carbon footprints
- Supply chain buy-in and sustainable procurement
- Consideration given to responsible sourcing and ethical labour initiatives
- Use of secondary or recycled materials
- Third party evaluation of sustainability credentials - BREEAM, LEED, EPDs etc
- Sustainability benefits of the project to the company, client, end-user, community

Additional requirements:

For publication purposes we require the expressed written permission of the building/structure owner for it to be submitted into the awards.

*Projects entered must include date of completion and they must be completed in a structural sense between October 2018 and December 2019.

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Production Sustainability - Annex D

The broad scope of sustainability covers environmental, social and economic issues. Entries could explore issues such as:

- Recycling
- Minimisation of waste and ancillary materials (e.g. packaging)
- Low energy manufacturing solutions (e.g. curing, compressed air management)
- Use of secondary or recyclable materials
- Vehicle efficiency and reduced transport emissions
- Water use reduction
- Responsible sourcing and ethical labour initiatives
- Employee training and social support initiatives
- Solutions initiatives leading to lower embodied operational carbon footprint
- Contribution to sustainable construction projects
- Biodiversity and conservation
- Environmental product declarations
- Community liaison
- Support of local organisations
- Working with educational establishments
- Circular economy solutions (e.g. design for disassembly, etc.)
- Sustainable procurement or supply chain initiative

Many of the above subjects are focused on environmental impact. However, in order to encourage thinking regarding sustainability, all entries must cover social, economic and environmental benefits although it is recognised that in many cases there will be focus on only one or two aspects of sustainability.

The judges will apply the following criteria:

Benefits: What are the benefits of the project to the company, client, end-user, community and/or the environment?

Innovation: This concerns the originality of the project in terms of subject and/or approach.

Wider applicability: Points will be gained if the idea is transferrable to other sites or member companies.

Employee participation: Employee participation in the project will gain further credit.

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Innovation - Annex E

Examples of innovation could be in:

- Manufacturing process
- Product innovation
- Marketing
- Service delivery
- Performance improvements and efficiency
- Procurement process
- Logistics
- Project design and/or construction techniques

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Digital and Manufacturing Excellence - Annex F

The judges will apply the following criteria:

- **Business Transformation:** Judges will look at how a business has transformed the way it works through the adoption of digital processes or technologies.
- **Innovation:** This concerns the originality of the project or digital advancement in terms of subject and/or approach.
- **Application of Technology:** This will recognise the successful or innovative application of a specific technology or digital process.
- **Collaboration:** Points will be gained if the idea promoted collaboration/integration across the supply chain and project stakeholders.
- **Project delivery / Benefits:** Judges will consider how digital technologies and processes have helped deliver your project with demonstrable benefits. This could include one or more out of design, health and safety, construction and communication benefits.

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Future Leader - Annex G

The judges will apply the following criteria:

- Full member nominations only
- Beneficial impact on company's performance
- Surpassed goals/targets
- Skill-set improvement and enhancement of knowledge
- Demonstration of rapid growth in responsibility
- Role model
- Team player and demonstration of leadership potential

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Entry Form

Please specify which category you are entering (please indicate using an 'X'):

Best Building Project		Digital and Manufacturing Excellence	
Best Civils / Infrastructure Project / Landscaping		Innovation	
Project Sustainability		Production Sustainability	

Entrant Company:	
Entrant Contact:	
Address:	
Project/ Initiative Title: (Name of Building where appropriate)	
Tel:	
Email:	

Entry Information & Data:
(Please use additional pages if required)

Brief Description of Entry (Executive Summary) (200 words maximum):

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Details of supporting references - For project awards we like to obtain the following information
- client/contractor/subcontractor/architect/consulting engineer

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Detailed Information on Project/Initiative:

Please make the case for your entry here - use additional pages (Expand box as required):
(1000 word maximum)

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Director Signature:

X

Date:

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