



The Wild Trout Trust Conservation Awards 2019

An Invitation to Apply

The Wild Trout Trust Conservation Awards, supported by the River Restoration Centre, seek to recognise and encourage excellence in wild trout habitat management and conservation and celebrate the efforts, ingenuity and imagination of all those involved.

Who Can Apply?

The competition is open to entry from individuals or organisations, amateurs or professionals across Britain and Ireland. We are equally keen to see and spread the word about **successful, small-scale efforts** to improve a stream at the end of the garden just as much as **catchment-wide work** funded by government agencies.

Choose Your Award Category

- *WTT's Outstanding Habitat Improvement Project*: we will consider practical, in-river projects of all sizes, looking for the very best one producing benefits for the river, its environs, wild trout and for people. Projects could be multiple-benefit, river restoration-type work or single elements such as a weir removal, delivered by government agencies, river or wildlife trusts, local angling clubs or a partnership team.
- *WTT's Outstanding Contribution to Wild Trout Conservation*: we will consider smaller-scale habitat improvement projects for this category but we're also keen to hear of other work that's good for wild trout. For example, how an angling club has changed the management of its fisheries and anglers, perhaps reducing or stopping stocking and encouraging catch-and-release.

The Judging

Entrants will be expected to demonstrate to a panel of judges (made up from representatives of WTT and the River Restoration Centre) that a project or management programme has benefited wild trout and their environment in a river or lake. Consideration will also be given to aspects such as conservation value, appropriateness of the scheme for the site, funding and value for money, techniques used, sustainability, local involvement, ease of access and post-project management.

How to Apply

The application form and further information on the Conservation Awards is available through the Wild Trout Trust website www.wildtrout.org/conservation-awards. Applications must be received by WTT **NO LATER than Wednesday 31 July 2019** via e-mail to office@wildtrout.org.

Superhero Effort

We also seek to recognise one person who's gone that bit further for wild trout conservation, through our Wild Trout Hero Award (for professionals such as riverkeepers or fishery scientists) or the Bernard Venables Award for those working in a voluntary capacity. If you know such a superhero, send your nomination to the WTT Director (director@wildtrout.org) **no later than Wednesday 31 July 2019**.