



25th November 2026

Woolwich Works
The Fireworks Factory
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Thank you for entering the fourth...
National Drainage Awards 2026

taking place at

Woolwich Works

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GETTING STARTED!

The entry process is simple. Just complete the nomination form for the chosen category and submit it to **awards@nadc.org.uk**

If you need any help completing the form, **call 0800 0933 507**

You may nominate a third party, your own company or yourself.

YOU MAY ENTER UP TO 2 CATEGORIES

For each submission you will be asked to...

Answer the criteria points that are asked in the category which you are entering.

Include a summary statement of up to 150 words explaining why the nominee would be a worthy winner (as provided for in the form).

Provide a high resolution company logo and photograph, (preferably of your team or specific nominee) this will be used in the event that your entry is shortlisted for.



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Please carefully read through our
TIPS FOR SUCCESS
before starting your submission

You will be able to review and amend your submission up until midnight on Friday 31st July 2026.

If you have any queries, please contact
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We wish you the very best of luck!



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

AWARDS & JUDGING



- ▼ **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS** - read carefully the description and criteria points of the category you are entering - You will be scored on each criteria point.
- ▼ **BE CLEAR** - clear and simple submissions are easier for the judges to extract the relevant information from.
- ▼ **PROVIDE EVIDENCE** - if the entry criteria asks for evidence then please show it clearly supported, wherever possible, by factual information.
- ▼ **BE CONCISE** - for some awards the judges will have to read through a large number of entries in a limited time period. Be concise and relevant with the information you share in relation to each criteria point.
- ▼ **BE CURRENT** - while we value the great contribution of the drainage industry over many years, the awards celebrate your successes of the last 12-months only.
- ▼ **ABOVE AND BEYOND** - remember the awards reward excellence - that does not mean simply ticking the boxes - it means going above and beyond . You need to demonstrate, with evidence, that you have done this.
- ▼ **NEVER ASSUME** - while the judges all have relevant experience - they won't necessarily be expert in the different services provided by drainage contractors.

GOOD LUCK!

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CATEGORIES



- ▼ **SMALL CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **REGIONAL CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **NATIONAL CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **IRISH CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **INDIVIDUAL IRISH OPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
- ▼ **OVERALL CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **INDIVIDUAL OPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
- ▼ **THE OFFICE HERO/HEROINE AWARD**
- ▼ **APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **SPECIALIST SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **LARGE SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **INNOVATION OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- ▼ **DrainSafe CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**
- ▼ **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

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▼ For all Contractor Awards - Nominee must:

- be appropriately qualified and insured
- provide evidence of customer satisfaction
- provide at least one specific example of outstanding customer service
- and can also provide (on a voluntary basis)
 - *examples of going above and beyond contractual service levels*
 - *examples of inclusivity and diversity*
 - *minimising carbon footprint*
 - *contribution to the industry*
 - *bringing aspiring talent into the industry*
 - *promoting the industry*

▼ For the Individual Operative Award - Nominee must:

- be appropriately qualified and insured
- supply evidence of outstanding achievement with specific examples
- any other evidence supporting your/their nomination

▼ For the Office Hero/Heroine Awards - Nominee must:

- evidence/examples of great customer service
- evidence/examples of going above and beyond in supporting colleagues in the field
- any other evidence/examples that support the nomination

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▼ **For the Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award - Nominee must provide:**

- evidence of qualifications achieved
- examples of in-work achievements as an apprentice or trainee
- employer and/or customer references on their performance

▼ **For the Sustainability Champion of the Year Award - Nominee must provide:**

- evidence of a sustainability policy or culture
- an example of a project or initiative that has positively impacted on sustainability
- any statistical analysis that supports sustainability objectives
- feedback from a third party to support the nomination if appropriate

▼ **For the Supplier's Awards - Nominee must provide:**

- details of their products
- data on service levels and delivery performance
- information on how their product(s) benefit the contractor industry
- feedback from customers

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▼ For the Innovation of the Year Award - Nominee must provide:

- details of the innovation
- how it has benefited the industry
- data on service levels and delivery performance
- feedback from customers

▼ For The DrainSafe Contractor of the Year Award - Nominee must provide:

- evidence of customer satisfaction
- provide at least one specific example of outstanding customer service
- evidence of promoting the DrainSafe Scheme
- and can also provide (on a voluntary basis)
 - examples of going above and beyond contractual service levels
 - examples of inclusivity and diversity
 - minimising carbon footprint
 - contribution to the industry
 - bringing fresh blood into the industry

▼ The Lifetime Achievement Award

This category will be determined by the Awards Committee, but you can submit a nomination to awards@nadc.org.uk giving your reasons for putting the individual forward.

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