

CIHT Scotland Annual Awards Community Benefits Initiative Award

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Deadline for entries: 20 August 2026

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Overview

The new CIHT Scotland **Community Benefit Initiative of the Year Award**, sponsored by Mott MacDonald recognises the achievement of an organisation, team or individuals that have delivered community benefits that align strongly with CIHT's values – Professional, Inclusive, Collaborative and Progressive.

Eligibility

This award recognises projects, organisations, teams, or individuals that have delivered meaningful and lasting benefits to local communities alongside the successful delivery of a highways, transportation, infrastructure or related project.

Eligible nominations may demonstrate community benefit through one or more of the following:

- Inspiring future generations through engagement with schools, colleges, universities, or community groups, including STEM education and careers activities.
- Creating employment opportunities for local residents, apprentices, graduates or underrepresented groups.
- Delivering skills development, training, mentoring or upskilling programmes that enhance employability and support long-term career development within the local community.

- Supporting local charities, community groups, social enterprises or voluntary organisations through financial contributions, fundraising, sponsorship or in-kind support.
- Donating equipment, materials, resources or facilities that provide lasting value to the community.
- Encouraging volunteering by project staff to support community initiatives and local causes.
- Promoting social value, inclusion, wellbeing, equality, diversity and accessibility within the communities affected by the project.
- Demonstrating measurable and sustainable positive outcomes for local people, communities and places.

Nominations are encouraged to provide evidence of the activities undertaken, the scale of community engagement, and the positive impact and legacy created. Both ongoing and completed initiatives are eligible for consideration.

This award is open to projects, organisations, teams and individuals operating within the highways and transportation sector.

Entries can be submitted by any party involved in the project, including the promoting body, advisors/consultants, contractors or direct stakeholders. Joint entries are accepted. Please seek permission of the promoting body before entering.

If you wish to submit a project but have questions regarding eligibility, please contact us at cihtscotland@gmail.com. If CIHT Scotland considers your submission does not fit the eligibility criteria for this award but may fit the eligibility for another award, we will contact you to discuss.

Entry Criteria

The award is **free to enter**.

Submissions should clearly demonstrate how the initiative delivered positive and lasting benefits for the local community. Entries should describe the initiative, including what it involved, why it was undertaken, and the needs or opportunities it sought to address.

Entries should explain how the initiative benefited local people, organisations and places, and provide evidence of effective collaboration with schools, colleges, universities, charities, community groups, volunteers and other stakeholders.

Entries should also include measurable outcomes where available, highlighting the achievements, impact and social value delivered. Judges will be looking for clear evidence that the initiative created meaningful, sustainable and long-term benefits for the community.

Judging

Entries will be assessed by a panel of judges comprising representatives of the CIHT Scotland Committee along with a representative from the award sponsor. In the case that the sponsor organisation submits an entry to this category, their representative will be reassigned to a different category to ensure impartiality. The panel will consider all entries and determine which nomination to support for this year's Community Benefit Initiative Award. Please note that the judge's decision is final.

Entries failing to meet the specified criteria, or which are not submitted in the requested format set out below will not be considered.

Award Details

The winning project team will receive a trophy, certificate, and a full suite of press and promotion across CIHT Scotland channels, including on social media, CIHT website and the Dinner programme.

The winners will be announced at the **CIHT Scotland Annual Dinner on Thursday 1st October 2026 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow** where the winning team will be presented with their award.

Winners will also be invited to present their project to CIHT members via an event (e.g. webinar) at a later date.

Reasons to Enter

- **Showcase Excellence:** Highlight your organisation's work and gain recognition from industry peers, enhancing your profile across the highways and transportation sector.
- **Celebrate Achievement:** Promote your successes and receive formal acknowledgment for your team's dedication and impact.
- **Strengthen Your Credentials:** Add award recognition to your tenders and/or corporate materials, Demonstrating your commitment to the highest standards of quality and professionalism.
- **Support the Industry:** By participating, you contribute to strengthening CIHT as the natural home for everyone working in highways and transportation infrastructure.

How to enter

Submissions will be made via an online form on the CIHT Website
<https://www.ciht.org.uk/about-us/uk-nations-regions/scotland/ciht-scotland-awards/>

The form will ask for details of the entering organisation(s), including names and contact details which will be used solely for purposes related to the award.

Submissions should be a maximum of 1,000 words.

You may upload up to 2 A4 sheets (in PDF format) to support your submission. This can be photographs, drawings, figures or report excerpts etc.

You should also include a single paragraph summary outline (maximum. 50 words) of your submission which may be included in the Dinner programme or on display boards during the evening.

Entries should be submitted no later than 17:00 BST on 20 August 2026.

All material submitted will be treated as available for publication in awards-related articles and promotional materials, unless otherwise copyright protected within the submission and indicated as such.

If you have any questions about this award, please contact scotland@ciht.org.uk.