



# Roofscape Design Awards

Entry guide for projects



# About the Roofscape Design Awards



Launched in 2023, the TRA Roofscape Design Awards celebrate the ingenuity and technical skills of designers in the roofing sector by recognising projects that showcase the highest standard in design, innovation, and sustainability in the use of timber trussed rafter roofs.

All award entries are free to enter.

Shortlisted projects will be mentioned across PR and marketing channels, with the winning projects being showcased in trade publications.

In this guide, you will find tips to help you complete the entry form. With the aim of making the entry process as effortless as possible. Our goal is to encourage your participation, and for you to share your proudest project in 2024.

Should you have any questions, send us an email to [info@tra.org.uk](mailto:info@tra.org.uk) or [wing@lizmale.co.uk](mailto:wing@lizmale.co.uk) and we will be able to help.

# Why enter the awards?

Awards are a great way to display your work in front of other TRA members and showcase your design skills across the wider industry.

Entering the awards benefits both the designer and the business.



## Designers

- Get industry recognition for your projects
- Shine a spotlight on your work and raise your profile in the industry
- Build your personal brand as an expert in your field
- Help your company showcase their best work to potential customers

## Trussed Rafter businesses

- Showcase your best projects and designers to the industry
- Get industry recognition for the quality of your work to showcase to potential clients
- Recognise your best and brightest designers



Celebrating excellence design: Celebrate the excellence in trussed rafter designs and the use of metal web joists.



Free to enter.



Establish your profile in the sector as well as your company's



Showcase your design: You've created the design, so why not the recognition it deserves.

# Timeline



**Call for entry opens**

25 November 2024

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**Deadline for entries**

7 March 2025

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**Shortlists announced**

24 March 2025

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**Awards ceremony**

10 April 2025

# How to enter the awards

We have a word limit for each section, this is to ensure it's easy to enter but allows you to describe the project. Please try and provide as much information as you can.

## Project name

Always ensure the project name is accurate, as this will be used on all marketing and PR materials.

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## Project description

(Minimum 150 words per section)

The project description will be used in the judging meetings and for marketing purposes, please ensure you provide as much detail as possible. We will be looking for details such as:

- What makes your project unique, innovative or newsworthy?
- Any technical challenges you encountered and how you addressed them
- Were there any health and safety challenges and how were they addressed?
- Describe any measures taken to make your project more sustainable
- Lessons learnt from this project or tips you feel you could share

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## Designer's information

We will need your details, including your name, a summary of your career to date, the company you work for.



# How to enter the awards (continued)

## Contact information

This is very important as the TRA will contact you directly about your entry and attending the TRA AGM and awards ceremony.

We will also need the contact information of your company's marketing department.

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## Supplementary documents

You can upload up to five high-quality images.

Please submit photos of the project, and any PDF documents you feel are necessary to help the judges understand your project – always ensure you are happy for the judges and the TRA to use them if needed.

# The categories

## Commercial Project of the Year

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The Commercial Project of the Year recognises designs that blend functionality, technology, and aesthetics; this category applauds commercial projects that not only meet the demands of modern business but also contribute to the architectural landscape with purposeful roof designs. The project should be a commercial building completed in 2024.

The following criteria will be used to judge the entries:

### **Versatility and functionality**

The versatility and functionality of the roof design to meet the specific needs of the commercial space, including considerations for future adaptability.

### **Technological integration**

Can the integration of technological features in the roof design, such as solar panels or smart roofing systems, contribute to the efficiency and sustainability of the commercial space in the future?

### **Aesthetic appeal and visual impact**

How the aesthetic appeal and visual impact of the roof design contributes to the overall architectural presence of the commercial project.

### **Safety and regulations compliance**

Ensure the roof design adheres to safety standards and building regulations applicable to commercial structures.

# The categories

## Conversion and Refurbishment Project of the Year

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The Conversion and Refurbishment Project of the Year recognises projects that skilfully navigate the challenges of refurbishment and preserving heritage elements while introducing innovative roof solutions for contemporary functionality. The project should be the conversion or refurbishment of a non-residential building completed in 2024.

The following criteria will be used to judge the entries:



### **Innovative solutions to constraints**

The use of innovative roof solutions to overcome any challenges or constraints posed by the existing structure.



### **Adaption and integration**

Assess how well the roof design adapts to the original structure, seamlessly integrating with any new architectural elements introduced during the conversion or refurbishment.



### **Preservation of heritage**

Consider how the roof design contributes to the preservation of any heritage features while still meeting the functional requirements of the converted or refurbished space.



### **Sympathetic transformation**

Evaluate how the roof design contributes to a sympathetic transformation of the existing structure and maintains any features or historical or architectural significance.

# The categories

## Residential Project of the Year

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The Residential Project of the Year recognises outstanding projects that demonstrate inventive and aesthetically pleasing roof designs while seamlessly integrating with the surrounding environment. The project should be a residential building completed in 2024.

The following criteria will be used to judge the entries:



### **Innovative roof form**

The creativity and uniqueness of the roof design enhance the overall aesthetic appeal of the residential project



### **Sustainability and energy efficiency**

How the creativity and uniqueness of the roof design enhances the overall aesthetic appeal of the residential project



### **Functionality and practicality**

Assess the functionality of the roof design in providing effective weather protection and how well it meets the practical needs of the residential space



### **Craftsmanship and execution**

Consider the quality of craftsmanship and the precision in the execution of the roof design, including attention to detail in truss placement and connections

# Terms and conditions

- The project entered must be completed between **1 January – 31 December 2024**
- Buildings entered must be in the **UK (Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland)**
- The project can only be entered using the official entry form on the TRA's website
- It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that there are no restrictions against entering the project by the client or other parties related to the project
- Good quality images as .JPG or .PNG up to a maximum of 10MB each – **up to five** good quality images as .JPG or .PNG up to a maximum of 10MB each
- Submitted **CAD designs should be limited to a maximum of three**
- By submitting the images, PDFs, and description, you are confirming you agree to the use of these images and texts by the TRA
- The TRA assumes the right to distribute press material and case studies about the shortlisted and winning projects
- There are no entry fees to submit the awards
- Designers may enter multiple awards, or awards for the same category
- Shortlisted designers are required to attend the TRA dinner on 10 April – or nominate a colleague to attend
- Designers who win an award are required to cooperate with the PR team to create case studies
- The TRA reserves the right to reject any projects at its sole discretion

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