

Heritage Angel awards deadline confirmed



Nominations have opened for the third Scottish Heritage Angels Awards in a bid to find those groups and individuals from Edinburgh who have played a special part in caring for, recording and celebrating the nation's historic environment.

The scheme seeks to celebrate both groups and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to promote, protect and, in many cases, rescue Scotland's heritage.

They are funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation (ALWF), and run by the Scottish Civic Trust in partnership with Historic Environment Scotland, Archaeology Scotland and the Scottish Government.

Last year's winners included Mark Cranston for his efforts to collect, catalogue and research Scottish bricks and Dig TV, a television channel run entirely by young people to highlight an archaeological dig in Dumfries, which scooped the first Young Heritage Angel award.

This year, a new set of categories have been introduced and they are best rescue of a historic building, best contribution to a heritage project by young people, best craftsman or apprentice on a heritage rescue or repair project and best rescue, recording or Interpretation of a historic place.

Nominations close on Friday 11, August and the winners will be announced at the Scottish Heritage Angels Awards ceremony on Monday 16, October at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh.

The overall winner from the Heritage Angel Awards in Scotland,

England and Northern Ireland will be eventually selected and presented at the London ceremony.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, whose charitable foundation helped establish the Scottish Heritage Angel Awards, said: "Too often the individuals and groups who work tirelessly to protect their local historic buildings go unnoticed.

"We set up the Angel Awards in Scotland three years ago to change all that and I encourage everyone to come forward and celebrate these stars of heritage, those who keep our heritage alive and thriving for the next generation deserve to stand in the spotlight."

Full details on how to enter the awards, nominate someone else for an award or find out about our previous winners are available at www.scottishheritageangelawards.org.uk