

Church Maintenance Awards



The Nayler Awards for Excellence in Church Maintenance

We have a long and really cherished relationship with the Pilgrim Trust, and have presented several awards in partnership over previous years.

The Nayler Awards for Excellence in Church Maintenance are entering their fourth year. They bring a human story to maintenance, which has traditionally been approached as a dry subject and an activity that has not been actively celebrated or rewarded, despite a huge reliance on volunteers.

They also provide an excellent opportunity for partnership working. We see these awards as an opportunity to increase engagement with churches and the sector. By working collaboratively with partners, sponsors and supporters, and building on the annual success of focusing on maintenance, a larger impact can be made.

Entry requirements

Volunteers from any church, chapel or meeting house may be nominated. This will enable us to celebrate the geographic spread of great work that exists in caring for churches across the UK.

You just need to be able to tell us about the fantastic maintenance work you do, the difference that it makes and upload your maintenance plan. Your application will be reviewed by an expert panel who will look at the quality of your plan together with its practical application and sustainability.

Submission and judging process for all awards

- Start your submission with a title, brief description.
- You will need to upload at least 5 images on the submission page.
- Then, to apply you will need to complete the detailed submission form.
- As part of the form you will need to upload your maintenance plan.
- You will also be able to upload a film.
- You will be able to amend your submission up until the closing date.

Overleaf are the questions, so that you can prepare your answers offline. Some questions are mandatory (marked with an asterisk), others are not. Some have a word limit, which is listed here.

Church of the Year

We, together with our partners, want to see amazing churches that are open and available for use.





Vibrant and valued churches are open for worship and well supported, have effective maintenance and engage well with volunteers. They offer a warm welcome to visitors, offer great spaces for community activities, and tell their stories in brilliant ways. This is what makes churches sustainable. You might not be there yet, but we want to hear how you are doing. For the first time ever, we will announce a 'Church of the Year'. We are looking for brilliant churches which are open, well cared for, have the necessary facilities, and engage with visitors from far and wide.

If you would like your church to be considered for 'Church of the Year' please tell us what makes your church special.

You can find the form to submit your entry here:

<https://www.zealous.co/nationalchurchestrust/opportunity/Nayler-Awards-for-Excellence-in-Church-Maintenance/>

Questions

- Name of church or chapel * (15 word limit)
 - Address of church or chapel * (150 word limit)
 - Postcode of church or chapel * (5 word limit)

 - Name and phone number of a contact at the church * (75 word limit)

 - Denomination * (5 word limit)
 - Is the building listed * (yes/no)
 - If the building is listed, please state the grade
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Please upload your maintenance plan

Tell us about your approach to maintenance. How are maintenance tasks organised and monitored? You should include who does this, when and how.

* (500 word limit)

How often is your Maintenance Plan reviewed and by who?

* (150 word limit)

How long has the group or person been responsible for maintenance? Did they have any facilities management experience prior to their current volunteer role? Who do you envisage will be doing the maintenance in 10 years' time?

* (150 word limit)





What maintenance issues does the group or person responsible find most difficult to address?

* (150 word limit)

What's the best thing about being involved in church maintenance?

* (150 word limit)

What is your average annual maintenance spend? Do not include any major repairs projects. If you don't know, please give your best estimate.

* (150 word limit)

- Do you have a regular maintenance contract in place? * (yes/no)
- If you have a maintenance contract, is it with a local supplier or a larger company? (10 word limit)
- If you have a regular maintenance contract, what services does it include and what are the terms of the arrangement, including how often checks are made? (50 word limit)
- Have you ever used the services offered on MaintenanceBooker? (yes/no)

Please tell us anything else about maintenance at your church that you think has not been covered but you would like us to know.

(500 word limit)

Tell us about your church. What's your ethos and what's important to you?

* (150 word limit)

What kind of activities are you involved in, what difference are you making and what are you most proud of?

* (500 word limit)

How do you encourage people to get involved and engage in your activities?

* (150 word limit)

Brief description of your building's heritage / architecture

* (150 word limit)

Your building in numbers (include opening times, congregation size, number of services and community activities)

* (150 word limit)

Would you like to be considered for Church of the Year? * (yes/no)

If yes, please tell us what makes your church special.

* (150 word limit)

