

BATH BUILDING SOCIETY COMMUNITY AWARDS 2025

Background

Bath Building Society has been in business for 121 years this year and has grown considerably in recent years. With our business focus within Bath and the surrounding areas, the Society now has a large presence throughout the West of England. The cornerstone of our approach is our emphasis on personal service and the community in which we operate.

For many years the Society has invested a meaningful proportion of its profit into the community, well in excess of the figure of 1% viewed as “best practice” by Business in the Community. New for 2025, we will be donating 2% of our profits to our local community which will more than double the amount that we have available to local charities and community groups through our Awards.

Our support in the past has been pledged to a wide range of organisations including: The Bath Shed, Three Ways School, Share & Repair and Bath Foodbank.

Year on year we receive a growing number of applications. We are hopeful that not only will we continue to receive requests from the larger, perhaps more confident organisations, but we will also make the application process simpler and straight forward for the smaller organisations.

We are very grateful to Quartet Community Foundation and The Rotary Club of Bath for their support with the 2025 scheme.

The 2025 application process

The Bath Building Society Community Awards will start to invite applications from **Wednesday 7 May 2025**. You can apply online via our website at <https://www.bathbuildingsociety.co.uk/your-society/supporting-our-community/community-awards/>

The important dates

Wednesday 7 May 2025: Charity Awards scheme opens

Friday 30 May 2025: Closing date for applications

Week 2 June 2025: Awards judging

Sadly, we don't have time to contact every organisation that enters the Awards, so if you have been successful, you will be contacted by us by Thursday 12 June 2025.

Award Criteria

The Charity must:

- Complete a Bath Building Society Community Awards application form.
- This year we are considering applications from larger organisations (turnover £300,000+), but they will need to have a turnover of less than £500,000 per year. However, they will also need to demonstrate that the funds will be used for a project that could not otherwise be delivered.
- Operate and benefit people of Bath and North East Somerset.
- Agree to Bath Building Society using photos and text for marketing/media purposes.
- Take up the funding within six months of being notified.

Community Awards will not fund individuals or families. Bath Building Society colleagues and their suppliers and Marketing/PR associates are not eligible to apply.

Award Categories

- 1 award x **£5,000**
- 2 awards x **£2,500**
- 5 awards x **£1,000**

Judging Panel

Chief Executive of Bath Building Society – Richard Ingle

Marketing Manager of Bath Building Society – Tiffany Hardie-Albutt

The Rotary Club of Bath – Alan Keeling

Quartet Community Foundation – Claire Wynne-Hughes.

Contact

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