

Royal Northern Agricultural Society. *North East Awards Scheme.*

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Information About The Scheme, Rules and Closing Date in 2009

The area of the Society is North East Scotland

A list of those who have previously been recipients of Awards is available on request from the Secretary of the Society. Normally one Award is made in each category each year.

The 2009 closing date for receipt of nominations and citations by the R.N.A.S. Secretary is 13th July. A Selection Panel will meet shortly after that date.

Nominations which did not result in Awards in past years are not re-considered automatically but will be considered by the Selection Panel if formally re-submitted to the Secretary by the closing date. The original citations may be used. The Selection Panel 2009, is expected to have representation from nine leading organisations active in North-East Scotland, including representatives from RNAS.

The “Public Award” will be made to a public figure or personality for Services to Agriculture. *The recipient will receive the Press & Journal /R.N.A.S. Shield for one year, a Certificate and an Award from the Society.*

The “Local Award” will be made to a non-public figure who has in their own way made an outstanding contribution to progress in the Industry. *The recipient will receive the Aberdeen and Northern Marts/R.N.A.S. Award for Services to Local Communities, Specialist Farming Organisations or Groups, also a Certificate and the name of the recipient will duly be inscribed upon the Roll of Honour at the Thainstone Centre.*

The “David Argo Award”, will be made to an “Unsung Hero” employed in the agricultural sector who merits particular recognition but who might not qualify for the above awards or for a RHASS medal. *The recipient will receive the RNAS Shield for one year, a Certificate and an Award from the Society.*

The “Under 35 Award” will be made to someone in that age group who has shown significant achievement and contribution in agriculture. *The recipient will receive the SAC /R.N.A.S. Shield for one year, a Certificate and an Award from the Society.*

Local organisations are asked to nominate individuals for these Awards and to provide citations supporting the nominations. Individuals may also nominate others and provide citations. Selection is based on the information provided in the citation. Citations must state which Award they are for. (The panel may consider another award). Citations should be restricted to two A4 pages and their purpose is to outline what the nominee has done and why they deserve the Award. Those seeking assistance in drafting citations are welcome to contact the R.N.A.S. Secretary in confidence. In the past, Panels have given particular consideration to what has been done above and beyond the call of duty and what makes them different. Names submitted will be confidential to the Secretary and to the Selection Panel. Only the names of the Award recipients will, in due course, be made public.

The Selection Panel will be invited to recommend to the R.N.A.S. Board of Directors the names of the Panel’s choice for the Awards. Each member of the Selection Panel present, including the Chairman, will have one vote. No proxy votes will be allowed. If necessary, ballots will be held to eliminate to not more than three names for the final ballot. The Panel also, at that meeting, reviews the working of the Scheme. Any suggestions for change are forwarded to the Society’s Directors.

The organisations represented on the Selection Panel will be those organisations most actively furthering the interests of the Scheme. They may vary from year to year. Immediately after the names of the selected recipients are accepted by the RNAS Board, the Secretary will be instructed to ask the selected recipients if they will accept the Awards. Arrangements will only then be made for their names to be made public, normally through planned extensive press publicity within the following fortnight.

The successful citations will be made available to speakers before the Awards Ceremony. Friday 6th November, 2009 is the date of the 2009 RNAS Awards Luncheon to be held in the Thistle Aberdeen Airport Hotel. This is a very well-attended function where all are welcome. Tickets may be ordered from the Secretary.

The Board of Directors of the Society has discretion in the organising and running of the Awards Scheme.

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