



Street Works UK Award Categories and Criteria 2024

The Street Works UK Awards honour excellence in the industry – from products developed to the works operatives carry out. For a submission to be considered, the works carried out must have been conducted between November 2023 and October 2024, and not have been entered for previous Street Works UK Awards. In exceptional circumstances, consideration will be given when entrants can demonstrate significant progress has been made since a previous entry was submitted. This will be at the discretion of Street Works UK and the judges. The seven categories are:

1. Street Works Organisation of the Year
2. Best Collaborative Works
3. Innovation Excellence
4. Communication and Community Engagement
5. Training scheme of the year
6. Rising Star
7. Sustainable Methods

The criteria below are intended to guide entrants on the topics above that their submissions should cover while allowing the freedom to highlight the unique contributions of projects, teams and individuals. If there are any questions on the process or the categories, please contact the Street Works UK secretariat on info@streetworks.org.uk.

The deadline for submissions is **5:00pm Monday 16th September 2024**.

1. Street Works organisation of the year

An organisation that has demonstrated excellence across the delivery of its work over the past year. This organisation will have shown clear commitment to being “best in class”, in line with the 5 pillars of the HAUC(UK) vision – digitalisation, collaboration, innovation, skills & workforce, and environment & decarbonisation. The winning submission will clearly demonstrate these attributes either through a project - or series of projects - or through quantifiable evidence across their day-to-day activities.

Category guidance:

- *Clearly and objectively demonstrate how your organisation delivers excellence in the field and in complex project management, either in several different areas, or by demonstrating achievement of significant milestones in a given area.*
- *Show how your organisation was able to make a significant contribution to the way in which professionals operate within the field, whether through innovation, or by creating a new benchmark for excellence in processes or the upskilling of the workforce.*
- *Demonstrate, with clear evidence, how the entry is in line with the key pillars [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*

2. Best collaborative works

The works which demonstrate achievement of the most collaborative goals in respect to multi-agency involvement and reduction in overall occupation of the highway network, reductions in congestion and inconvenience to road users and wider stakeholders.

Category guidance:

- *Provide evidence that demonstrates collaboration between various bodies including agencies and companies, which went further than statutory requirements and how this was achieved.*
- *Illustrate how the planning and collaborative work resulted in a quantifiable and clear reduction in congestion and inconvenience to road users.*
- *Contrast the approach implemented with normal methods and demonstrate how the collaborative process was more successful in improving service.*
- *Demonstrate how the entry is in line with the Collaboration pillar of the [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*

3. Innovation excellence

This award is aimed at an organisation, individual or team that actively seeks, promotes and adopts innovative ways of working. This could be done through employing new approaches and ideas to their overall strategic approach to street works, or to every-day working (e.g. safety).

Category guidance:

- *Demonstrate how the innovation was a clear departure and quantifiable improvement on previous methods within the industry.*
- *Show how the innovation has been promoted and adopted successfully. Indicate what lessons have been learned about the innovation process, and how the innovation process in the business has been developed as a result.*
- *Describe the impact and potential legacy of the innovation and how it has created a positive impact across the sector.*
- *Demonstrate how the entry is in line with the Innovation pillar of the [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*

4. Communication and community engagement

This award recognises an organisation, or an individual, whose effective communication and community engagement is a shining example of how the best in the business get their message across, and putting customers at the core of their work. This could be for any number of reasons such as employee communication, customer relations or crisis comms.

Category guidance:

- *Show how your communication demonstrated successful engagement with stakeholders and use of messaging and media that addressed the needs and concerns of the target audiences.*
- *Illustrate how the implemented communication plan delivered an original and improved approach*
- *Clearly demonstrate the effective and appropriate use of various channels and how these were best-suited to delivering your messaging to target audiences.*
- *Establish how your engagement impacted and benefitted the wider community or intended target group of stakeholders.*
- *Demonstrate how the entry is in line with relevant pillars of the [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*

5. Training scheme of the year

This award is to honour an individual team or company who has excelled in training and upskilling their employees over the past year. This training could have been provided as part of a new project undertaken, or by way of a wider effort to upskill the workforce in light of the emergence of new technologies, external forces or infrastructure priorities.

Category guidance:

- *Clearly demonstrate how the scheme in place provided the necessary training to employees, why this was so important and what were the financial or other operational benefits to the organisation..*
- *Provide insight into how the training scheme or programme offered the necessary education to ensure the workforce were kept up to date with new or changing working practices, and how this aided in delivering vital works.*
- *Demonstrate how the training has been embedded in the organisation to support the long term development of the workforce.*
- *Note any changes in the delivery of key works that can be attributed to the specific training scheme offered to employees.*
- *Demonstrate how the entry is in line with the Skills and Workforce pillar of the [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*

6. Rising star of the year

This is to award a significant or noteworthy contribution from a new entrant into the street works industry. Winners should demonstrate the positive contribution of younger or less experienced staff and how they have gone above and beyond to improve street works practice in their organisation and the wider industry.

Category guidance:

- *The individual should have spent no more than five years working in the industry.*
- *The contributions made by the individual should demonstrate the exceptional impact this person has had on their place of work, as well as why they are a positive ambassador for the sector as a whole.*
- *Where appropriate, nominees will also demonstrate how they have progressed quickly to become leaders in their respective field or an example of excellence within their place of work.*

7. Sustainable methods

This award aims to reward those who endeavour to take all practical steps to maximise the use of sustainable methods and materials, reduce waste produced or increase carbon efficiency, whilst minimising the impact on the environment and delivering high quality street works.

Category guidance:

- *Demonstrate with objective and quantifiable evidence, the implementation of high levels of sustainable methods which went beyond statutory requirements.*
- *Show ways in which the sustainable methods were able to have a positive impact on the local community in which they were implemented or the wider environment/industry.*
- *Demonstrate how the entry is in line with the Environment and Decarbonisation pillar of the [HAUC\(UK\) Vision](#) for Street and Road Works in the UK.*