**The Pendlebury Award 2025**

**Introduction**

The Pendlebury Award is presented to an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to looking after the North Pennines National Landscape, formally known as the AONB partnership – its life and landscapes. The Award is specifically aimed at celebrating commitment to the conservation and culture of the North Pennines and is an initiative of the National Landscape.

The Award is named in memory of the late Bob Pendlebury OBE, who was one of the leading advocates of the North Pennines and an unswerving champion of its protection. He was the first Chairman of the AONB Partnership (and its predecessor bodies) following the confirmation of its designation as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in June 1988.

The recipient of the award is decided through a ballot of the members of the North Pennines National Landscape and will be presented to the winner at the 2019 North Pennines Annual Forum – due to be held on 22nd May 2019.

**Criteria**

The award is made to an individual or group who has significantly contributed to:

* The conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty\* of the North Pennines

**and/or**

* The promotion of enjoyment and understanding of the special qualities of the area amongst local people and/or visitors.

**and/or**

* Supporting local communities in matters directly relating to the conservation and enhancement of natural beauty and/or promoting enjoyment and understanding of the North Pennines.

\***Natural beauty** in the context of national landscapes is about much more that scenic quality, and includes landform, geology, plants and animals, landscape features and the rich history of human settlement over the centuries.

**Nomination procedure**

Anyone can nominate for the award (including self-nomination). There is no advantage in multiple nominations. Previously nominated people/groups can be nominated again. The award will not be awarded posthumously.

**Entries must be received on the official nomination form by the North Pennines National Landscape Staff Unit no later than noon on 17 May 2025. They can be submitted by email to** **simon@northpennines.org.uk****) or by post (to the address below)**

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