

You are invited to enter the RIWAS Isle of Wight Rural Awards 2026



In their eighth year, the RIWAS Isle of Wight Rural Awards, sponsored by the CLA, will celebrate the very best of rural life on the Isle of Wight.



The 2025 RIWAS Isle of Wight Rural Award winners.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



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Categories

- **Rural Business of the Year** – awarded to the rural business, from any sector or size, who exemplifies the Island's rural sector and has made a significant contribution to the Isle of Wight. Selected from the winners in each of the five business categories:
 - **Food Business** – awarded to the food business which has contributed the most to profile and promote the Isle of Wight as a quality food destination
 - **Rural Tourism Business** – awarded to the tourism business which has contributed the most to the Island's rural tourism sector
 - **Rural Art and Craft Business of the Year** – awarded to a creative and artistic Island business
 - **Countryside Small Business** – awarded to any type of business employing 5 or fewer people.
 - **Countryside Business** - awarded to any type of business employing 6 or more people.
- **Rural Young Person of the Year** – awarded to the young person aged 26 or under who lives, works or has a connection to the Isle of Wight countryside and has made a valued contribution to the rural sector.
- **Primary School Participation Awards** – awarded to the Primary School(s) actively involved in their community, to include participating in RIWAS Education Dya and the County Show.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – awarded to the person who it is considered has contributed greatly to the rural sector over a sustained period of time. This category is not open to nominations, with the nominees and winner chosen by the judging panel. *This may not be awarded each year.*

Please complete the application form and give as much detail as possible about why you think the person or business you have nominated should receive the award. You can nominate yourself, or others, and do so in more than one category if you wish.

Nominations close on 1st May 2026.

All entries will be assessed by a panel of members from the RIWAS and the CLA.

Visits may be made to shortlisted entrants.

The decision of the panel is final. If you have any enquiries, please contact RIWAS on 01983 296244 or riwas@naturalenterprise.co.uk



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Your name			
Address			
Email		Telephone	
Name of business/person/organisation you are nominating:			
Their address			
Their email			
Please indicate the category(ies)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Business		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Tourism Business		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Art and Craft Business of the Year		
<input type="checkbox"/>	IW Countryside Small Business		
<input type="checkbox"/>	IW Countryside Business		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Young Person of the Year		
Why do you believe you / they deserve this award? Please give as much detail as possible and continue on another sheet if necessary.			
Please return this form to riwas@naturalenterprise.co.uk , or by post to Shide Meadows Centre, Shide Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1HR before 1 st May 2026.			