



ROYAL NORTHERN
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

**- North East Awards Scheme -
sponsored by THE PRESS AND JOURNAL, ANM GROUP LTD, and SRUC**

Information about the Scheme and Rules

The area of the Society is North East Scotland (between Northwaterbridge in the South and Forres in the North). The nominee does NOT need to live in the RNAS area but need to have contributed to the industry within the RNAS area. One Award is made in each category each year.

A Selection Panel will meet July/August time to discuss nominations. It is expected to have representation from leading organisations active in North-East Scotland, plus representatives from RNAS on the panel.

Local organisations and individuals are asked to nominate individuals for these Awards and to provide citations supporting their nominations. Selection is based on the information provided in the citation. 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 “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.

The “Local Award” for Services to Local Communities, Specialist Farming Organisations or Groups 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. Certificate and have their name inscribed on the Roll of Honour at the Thainstone Centre and an Award.

The “David Argo Award”, will be made to an “Unsung Hero” working within the agricultural sector who merits particular recognition. Someone who has had very little public recognition but who might not qualify for the above awards. The recipient will receive the RNAS Shield for one year, a Certificate and an Award.

The “35 years and under Award” – as of the 31st December in the year of the Award. The award will be made to someone in that age group who has shown significant achievement and contribution in agriculture. The recipient will receive the SRUC /R.N.A.S. Shield for one year, a Certificate and an Award.

See overleaf regarding the writing of a Citation.



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Guide to writing a Citation

- Citations must state clearly the Name and Address of the person nominated.
- Should be no more than 350 words and outline what the nominee has done and why they deserve the Award.
- Should include some career highlights and what organisations that person has been part of, including any positions they have held.
- Should include some of their noted achievements or examples of situations where their contribution makes them worthy of recognition.
- Should include some personal information about their activities outside agriculture if relevant.
- Should refer to which category the writer feels would be most suitable, but the panel has the right to consider the person for another award.
- Finally should summarise why this person is worthy of recognition.

The organisations represented on the Selection Panel will be those organisations most actively furthering the interests of the Scheme – e.g. Award Sponsors & RNAS Office Bearers. They may vary from year to year. 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 make their recommendations to the RNAS Board of Directors. 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 months.

Each member of the Selection Panel present, including the Chairman, but excluding the RNAS Secretary, 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 successful citations will be made available to speakers before the Awards Ceremony. The RNAS Awards Lunch will be on Friday 6th November, 2026. This is a very well-attended function where all are welcome. Tickets must be bought before the event.

The Royal Northern Agricultural Society's Board of Directors has the discretion to organise and run the Awards Scheme.