

# The John Spedan Lewis Emerging Leader Award

# for the UK Natural Environment

in collaboration with the John Lewis Partnership Foundation

About the award:   
John Spedan Lewis was the founder of the John Lewis Partnership. He was a businessman, but considered himself first and foremost a naturalist. He was a Fellow of the Linnean Society from 1933 until his death in 1963. The following year a foundation was established to support projects closely aligned to Spedan’s personal interests in the field of natural history. The John Spedan Lewis Emerging Leader Award celebrates a rising champion for nature whose initiative has had a notable positive impact on the UK natural environment.

Eligibility Criteria:

* Open to any professionals or non-professionals of any nationality or age creating a positive impact on the UK natural environment.
* The definition of “emerging leader” does not have a rigid definition, but could be interpreted as someone within the first 10 years of their work within the natural environment.
* Areas of impact could include environmental activism and campaigning, community engagement, education, nature conservation and research, practical interventions (habitat improvement), and the study of wild plants and animals.
* Nominee does not need to be a Fellow of the Linnean Society
* Nominator does not need to be a Fellow of the Linnean Society.

Please fill out the form below[[1]](#footnote-2).

Send the completed form to [nominations@linnean.org](mailto:nominations@linnean.org) by 30 September.

## Nominee details

Full name:

Are they a Fellow of the Linnean Society: Yes/No

Email address:

## Nominator details

Full name:

Are they a Fellow of the Linnean Society: Yes/No

Email address:

## Seconder details

Full name:

Are they a Fellow of the Linnean Society: Yes/No

Email address:

About the nominee’s work

1. Please tell us briefly why you have been moved to nominate the nominee

**(limit 50 words)**

1. Please tell us more about what they have done. List any evidence of their work, such as publications, presentations, public engagement (with links if available)   
   **(limit 350 words)**
2. Please tell us why this work is important and why you consider them to be an emerging leader. Examples may include how they have positively engaged with communities and/or how their work has led to a positive outcome for the UK natural environment

**(limit 350 words)**

1. For how long has the nominee been involved in these activities?  
   **(limit 50 words)**
2. Please tell us how gaining this award might help the nominee and their work

**(limit 50 words)**

1. in compliance with the GDPR, personal details will be held only for the purposes of review of the nomination by the Medals & Awards Committee and subsequently by Council, prior to voting which will take place at the January meeting of Council. Medal awardees will normally be notified towards the end of January, and the personal details of unsuccessful nominees will be duly deleted/shredded. Unsuccessful nominees may be re-nominated the following year/s, but a new nomination will need to be made. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)