YOUNG NATURALIST AWARD 2026

Celebrating the next generation of environmental champions

Natural Kirklees is excited to launch the **Young Naturalist Award 2026**, recognising an outstanding young individual who has made a positive contribution to nature, conservation, or the environment through one of our member volunteer groups.

Who can be nominated?

Any individual who:

- Is a member of a Natural Kirklees member group.
- Will be **25 years old or younger on 31 August 2026**.

Who can nominate?

Nominations must be submitted by the **Chair or another senior representative** of the member group.

Each member group may submit **one nomination**.

How do you nominate?

Please complete the nomination form and email to admin@naturalkirklees.org before the deadline.

What are we looking for?

We're looking for a young person who has shown enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to one or more elements: wildlife, the natural environment, conservation, enhancement of their community, or wider environmental contributions. Tell us why your nominee deserves to be recognised.

Perhaps they've:

- Inspired others to get involved.
- Given their time generously as a volunteer.
- Made a real difference to a local green space.
- Shown exceptional passion for nature and conservation.

The Young Naturalist Award

- **Young naturalist recognition**
- **£50 Prize Voucher** (If the judging panel feels more than one nominee deserves recognition, the prize may be shared.)

Key Dates

Closing Date: 31 August 2026

The winner(s) will be announced in the **Natural Kirklees October Newsletter** and invited to receive their award at the **Natural Kirklees AGM in early December 2026**.

Know a young person making a difference for nature?

Nominate them today and help celebrate their achievements!

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Nomination Form

Please complete all sections below

Name of Young Person Being Nominated: _____

Age (as of 31 August 2026): _____

Name of Natural Kirklees Member Group:_____

Name of Person Making the Nomination: _____

Position within the Group: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Supporting Statement

Please tell us why your nominee deserves to be recognised.
(You may wish to include examples of their commitment, achievements, contribution to nature conservation, or the difference they have made to your group or local community.)

Declaration

I confirm that:

- The nominee is a member of the Natural Kirklees member group named above.
- The nominee will be aged 25 or under on 31 August 2026.
- This nomination has been submitted with the knowledge and support of the member group.

Signed: _____ Date: _____