

# THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2023

**ClfA is a proud supporter of the Archaeological Achievement Awards, which showcase the very best of archaeological activity across the British Isles and celebrate innovation, engagement and participation, learning, training and skills and public dissemination, as well as the contribution of early-career archaeologists.**

The awards seek to promote high standards of archaeological practice in the service of the public. The judging criteria aim to showcase how archaeology provides value for society and our environment and how the work of archaeologists creates a positive impact. The challenge of archaeology is that many of the ways we undertake our investigations are destructive. What we touch and how we interpret it can enrich and sustain society, but it can also damage and offend. The awards reflect a collective belief in the value and sensitivity of what we do and encourage work founded on ethical practice, expertise and restraint, based upon shared standards.

The judging panel is made up of representatives from across the archaeological community, chaired by the European Society of Black and Allied Archaeologists (ESBAA)'s Jeannette Plummer Sires. ClfA is represented on the panel by our Head of Professional Development and Practice, Kate Geary, who said:

***'Again, it's been an honour to be involved in judging the Archaeological Achievement Awards. I have been inspired by the quality of the nominations and particularly by the passion and dedication of the archaeologists behind them. The Awards reflect ClfA's aims to promote the public benefit that professionalism in archaeology brings, to show that archaeologists have a value to society equivalent to other professions, and to encourage archaeologists to have pride in their professionalism. I was delighted to see so many successful nominations from ClfA members and Registered Organisations this year and hope this will inspire others in the future.'***

The awards were presented in York at a fantastic event hosted by CBA President Raksha Dave and attended by archaeologists from across the public, private and third sectors, in the presence of York MP and member of the All Party Parliamentary Archaeology Group, Rachael Maskell.

ClfA would like to congratulate all the shortlisted and winning entries for 2023, but especially ClfA members Sakshi Surana PCIfA and Tabitha Gulliver Lawrence PCIfA, winner and highly commended in the Early Career Archaeologist award, and Registered Organisation's Wardell Armstrong and Worcestershire Archaeology and Archives Service for the winning nominations in the Public Dissemination or Presentation; Learning, Training and Skills; and Archaeology and Sustainability categories, and the Outstanding Achievement category, respectively. Wessex Archaeology and York Archaeology were highly commended in the Public Dissemination or Presentation and Engagement and Participation categories, respectively, and South West Heritage was highly commended for its work with Avalon Archaeology in the Engagement and Participation category. Full details of the shortlisted, highly commended and winning entries can be found at Archaeological Achievement Awards Council for British Archaeology ([archaeologyuk.org](http://archaeologyuk.org))

*(from the top): Early career award winner, Sakshi Suran. Credit: Adam Shaw. Outstanding achievement award winner, Roots in Time. Credit: Adam Shaw. The archaeology and sustainability award winner, Roots in Time Credit: Adam Shaw. The learning, training and skills award winner, Uncovering Roman Carlisle. Credit: Adam Shaw. The public dissemination or presentation award winner, Uncovering Roman Carlisle. Credit: Adam Shaw*

