

## The Collins Bartholomew Award for Thematic Mapping & Infographics

HarperCollins and the Bartholomew Family have provided the British Cartographic Society (BCS) with an award for originality and excellence in the field of thematic cartography and infographics. The award will be made annually or exceptionally at other times as may be determined by the Council of BCS. It will be given to the highest scoring entry, provided the judges determine that it reaches the standard required to win the award.

Entries will be considered by a panel of judges, appointed by HarperCollins. The panel will include a member of senior management of Collins Bartholomew. The panel will judge the quality of the map in relation to the purpose for which the map was produced. The judges place particular emphasis on innovative design and effective communication of theme or topic, alongside the traditional standards of accuracy, legibility, good cartographic design and quality of production, Infographics which clearly communicate a location and/or geographic element will also be considered.

The winning entry will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the BCS Conference normally held in **September**. The Collins Bartholomew Award comprises a crystal trophy and a certificate. The winning entry will go forward for the BCS Award. Runners up will each receive a certificate. The winner and runners up will be permitted to use the BCS logo on all further copies of the map edition that was entered for the Award.

All entries will be exhibited at the BCS Conference and the winners will be published in *The Cartographic Journal* and on the BCS website following the Awards Ceremony.

For the purposes of the award competition thematic maps and infographics are deemed to be special purpose, non-topographic and non-general reference maps intended to communicate the spatial elements and characteristics of a particular topic or theme. These can be at any scale and delivered via any medium (print or digital). This includes the following:

- an individual map sheet
- a specific excerpt from a book, atlas, or other product (please send in book or atlas so it can be seen in context)
- artwork prepared for transmission by television, internet, or light projector
- the graphic output from computer or electronic equipment

The **RULES OF THE COMPETITION** apply to all competitors and those failing to comply with them will automatically be excluded.

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## Rules of the Competition

1. The award is for originality and excellence in the field of Thematic Cartography and infographics.
  2. Entries may be submitted by any individual or organisation and is not restricted to BCS Members.
  3. The award will be presented to the individual or organisation responsible for producing the entry.
  4. All entries submitted must be original products.
  5. All entries must be in their finished state.
  6. Each entry must be produced between 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.
  7. Each entry should be submitted via the electronic form from the link supplied on the BCS website which briefly states:
    - a) the purpose for which it was produced;
    - b) the user need that it is intended to meet;
    - c) the circumstances of its production, e.g. by firm, team, individual.
  8. All entries become the property of the BCS and will be placed in the awards archive of the Society. They cannot normally be returned.
  9. By entering the Competition, entrants are giving a royalty free, non-exclusive, perpetual licence to BCS to exhibit (at their sole discretion) your entry at the BCS Conference and to reproduce all or part of your entry in all BCS publications and on the BCS website including images of people receiving their Awards. Due acknowledgment will be made to the entrant. For entries made using copyright material owned by a third party, entrants will ensure that the copyright owner shall give a royalty free, non-exclusive, perpetual licence to BCS to exhibit (at their sole discretion) their copyright material at the Conference and to reproduce all or part of their copyright material in all BCS publications and on the BCS website, and BCS social media platforms.
  10. Any number of entries may be submitted provided that each entry is:
    - a) distinctly different;
    - b) accompanied by a duly completed online entry form.

Those entering items for this award should complete and submit the electronic form available on the BCS website and submit One hard copy (if appropriate) by post which must be with the BCS Awards Officer by the closing date. On receipt of the electronic and hard copies, electronic receipt acknowledgment will be sent.
  11. The closing date for receipt of entries is **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**. The entries must have been produced during the twelve calendar months preceding the closing date.
  12. Entrants are responsible for the safe delivery of their entry to the address given on the entry form by the closing date. No responsibility is taken by either Collins Bartholomew or BCS for lost, delayed, incomplete, damaged, corrupted or non-transmitted entries. Entries should normally be packed flat or rolled and the parcel should be clearly marked
- '2025 BCS COLLINS BARTHOLOMEW AWARD' followed by the "Title of Entry": .**

13. By providing information, entrants consent to Collins Bartholomew and BCS to administer their data for the administration of the Competition and any other purposes to which entrants have consented at the time of supplying it. Any personal data supplied by entrants will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.
14. By entering this Competition, entrants agree to participate in reasonable publicity arising from this Competition.
15. The Judges' decision is final and correspondence about the competition and its results will not be entered into.
16. The winning entry will be automatically entered for the BCS Award. In the event that the BCS Award is won, the winner must ensure that the BCS Award Bowl is kept within the UK and insured for all risks under their business/home insurance while it is in their care. The BCS Award Bowl is to be returned to the BCS before the following Conference/Symposium, when requested, but the winner retains a smaller replica BCS Award trophy.
17. These rules shall be governed by English law and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
18. If further details are required please use this link:  
<http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/>