

**YORKSHIRE GEOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY**



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# SUMMARY OF AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

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To further encourage the continued pursuit and sharing of knowledge of new research and ideas in the various fields of geoscience, the Yorkshire Geological Society presents a series of different awards, medals and distinctions. Awards are generally presented at the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

A summary of the medals and distinctions available from the Yorkshire Geological Society is given below:

- John Phillips medal
- Sorby medal
- Fearnshides Award (replaced Fearnshides Prize in 2016)
- Moore medal
- Bisat Medal
- Honorary membership

The Society maintains a record of recipients for the various medals and distinctions it awards, which is presented on the following pages for each of the different awards, along with a summary of the criteria for the specific award.

If you think that someone deserves recognition as a potential recipient of one of the Yorkshire Geological Society's awards or distinctions, please contact the [President](#) or [General Secretary](#) who will then raise the nomination at the next Council meeting of the Society.

## John Phillips Medal (established 1960 by Dr W.S. Bisat)

<b>Criteria:</b>	Awarded by the Yorkshire Geological Society as an acknowledgement of distinguished contributions to, or to work bearing upon knowledge of the stratigraphy or palaeontology of the north of England.
<b>Frequency:</b>	Not more frequently than once every 2 years

Year Awarded	Recipient
2017	Dr N. Riley MBE
2015	C.J. Wood
2013	J. Powell
2009	D. Millward
2006	M. Romano
2004	J.A. Catt
2002	M.K. Howarth
2000	P. Ensom
1998	B. Owens
1996	A.A. Wilson
1994	P.F. Rawson
1992	M. Mitchell
1990	M.R. Leeder
1988	R.B. Rickards
1986	J.W. Neale
1984	G.A.L. Johnson
1982	F.M. Broadhurst
1980	C. Downie
1978	M.A. Calver
1976	C.W. Wright
1974	D.B. Smith
1972	W.H.C Ramsbottom
1970	R.M.C. Eager
1968	D. Parkinson
1966	J.S. Turner
1964	H.C.Versey
1962	E.W.J. Moore

## Sorby Medal

(established 1960 by Prof W.G. Fearnside)

Criteria:	Awarded as an acknowledgement of distinguished contributions to geological knowledge of either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yorkshire and the North of England or;</li> <li>• A person associated with Yorkshire or the North of England by birth, training or locus of research.</li> </ul>
Frequency:	Not more frequently than once every 2 years

LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS	
Year Awarded	Recipient
2016	Dr N.H. Woodcock
2013	Dr M.A. Whyte
2011	Prof J. Francis
2008	Prof D.A. Spears
2005	Dr C.T. Scrutton
2003	Dr D.W. Holliday
2001	J.I. Chisholm
1999	J.K. Wright
1997	R. Knox
1995	N.J. Soper
1993	F. Whitham
1991	D.B. Smith
1989	R.F. Goossens
1987	F. Moseley
1985	M.R. House
1983	E.H. Francis
1981	M.H.P Bott
1979	L.F. Penny
197	D.H. Rayner
1975	E.H. Stewart
1973	P.E. Kent
1971	A. Raistrick
1969	J.E. Hemmingway
1967	E.M. Trotter
1965	G.H. Mitchell
1963	K.C. Dunham
1961	W.S. Bisat

**Fearnsides Prize**  
**(established 1968 by Prof. W.G. Fearnsides)**

**Replaced by Fearnsides Award in 2016**

<b>Criteria:</b>	Originally awarded to a person under 30 years of age on 1 <sup>st</sup> December in the year of the award, who has shown great promise in geological research or the geological sciences.  Each awardee was associated with the north of England by birth, training or locus of research.
<b>Frequency:</b>	Not more frequently than once every 2 years

LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS	
Year Awarded	Recipient
2008	Dr I. Kane
2005	Dr N. de Paola
2003	Dr N. Teanby
2001	Dr A. Monaghan
1999	R.J.G Mortimer
1995	J.P. Rowe
1990	N. Turner
1988	P.B. Wignall
1986	J. Alexander
1984	A. Buckley R.L. Gawthorpe
1981	A.P. Heward
1979	A.H. Cooper J.H. Powell
1977	J.R. Nudds
1975	I. Metcalfe
1973	P.J. McCabe
1969	G.E. Farrow

## Fearnshides Award (established 2016)

<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>In 2016 it was decided by Council of the Yorkshire Geological Society to modify the terms and scope of the former Fearnshides Prize, and provide an annual award a £500 on an individual basis to someone under the age of 30 years who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has submitted a successful application to support research to be undertaken in the next calendar year.</li> <li>• Is associated with the North of England by birth, education or locus of research.</li> <li>• The award is not prescriptive of the scope of research for which the application is submitted, covering research undertaken at any part of an undergraduate or postgraduate degree programme.</li> <li>• Consideration is specifically given to supporting travel costs related to the objectives, including attendance at conferences and symposiums.</li> <li>• Is willing to give a short presentation at a general meeting of the Society at a mutually convenient date, to give background to the scope of the research.</li> </ul>
<b>Frequency:</b>	Not more frequently than once per annum.

<b>LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS</b>	
<b>Year Awarded</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
2017	Laura Eddy
2016	Lucy Campbell

## Moore Medal

(established 1988 by former students, in memory of Prof. & Mrs L. Moore)

Criteria:	Awarded as an acknowledgement of services to geology in the north of England.
Frequency:	Not more frequently than once every 2 years

LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS	
Year Awarded	Recipient
2016	A.M. Tymon
2013	P. Kabrna
2010	J.B. Morrell
2007	P. Robinson
2005	M. Faulkner
2004	I. Kane
2003	R. Thorley
2002	D.J. Tatham
2001	B.M. Harland
2000	C. Portman
1999	A. Graham
1998	E. Hadley
1997	D. King
1996	P. Coates
1995	J.P. Wright
1994	J. Kirby
1993	R.W. Walkland
1992	A. Pickup
1991	J. Toy
1990	J. Thompson
1989	S.F. Mitchell
1988	S.J. Vincent

**Dr W.S. Bisat Medal**  
(established 2015)

<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>Awarded as an acknowledgement of distinguished contribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to, or work bearing upon, applied geology in relation to northern England</li> <li>• applied geology by a person associated with northern England by birth, training or locus of work.</li> <li>• The medal can be awarded for distinction by professional practise and achievement, not necessarily through the traditional focus of published output.</li> </ul> <p>Applied geology is interpreted widely, including not only long-standing fields (i.e. engineering geology, mining exploration and petroleum geology and hydrology) but also newer and emerging fields such as geoconservation, forensic geology and the public understanding and communication of geology.</p>
<b>Frequency:</b>	Not more frequently than once every 2 years

<b>LIST OF PAST RECIPIENTS</b>	
<b>Year Awarded</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
2017	Dr. H. Reeves
2015	T. Waltham



## Honorary Members of the Yorkshire Geological Society

Year Elected	Named Honorary Members
2017	Prof. P. Rawson
2013	T. Morse
2012	W.A. Fairburn
2009	M. Allderidge Dr A. Benfield Dr T. Ford
2008	Dr N. Aitkenhead Dr D. Holliday Dr C. Scrutton
2002	I.C. Burgess W.J. Varker
2001	D.B. Smith
2000	J.W. Neale
1998	A.A. Wilson
1992	J. Hartley L.R. Moore N. J. Soper
1991	G.A.J. Johnson
1976	Sir K. Dunham
1974	J.E. Hemmingway D.H. Rayner
1963	W.S. Bisat
1958	H.C. Versey
1939	W.G. Fearnside
1934	E.J. Garwod
1933	D. Forsyth
1907	Sir A. Smith Woodward
1898	W. Whitaker
1895	T. Hicks
1891	C.E. de Rance
1887	Prof. N. Boddington Prof. T. McKenny Hughes Prof. J. W. Judd Prof. W.C. Williamson Dr H. Woodward
1879	E. Ackroyd
1842	M.J. Roberts Prof. J. Leibig Prof. C. Daubeny Prof. L. Playfair
1840	J. Heywood
1839	E.W. Binney J.E. Burman
1838	G.B. Greenhough
1837	Prof. Johnson J. Phillips W. Smith

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## Honorary Members of the Yorkshire Geological Society

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The following people are listed as being Honorary members of the Society as at 1842, in the 1887 history, however no election dates are recorded.

C. Babbage (London)  
J. Buddle (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)  
Rev. W. Buckland (Oxford)  
Prof. Henslow (Cambridge)  
W. Hutton (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)  
Rev. D. Lardner  
J. Lindley  
Sir R. I. Murchison (London)  
Prof. A. Sedwick (Norwich)  
T. Sopwith (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)  
J. Taylor  
C. Vignoles  
Rev. F. Watkins (Lewes)  
H.M. Whitham (Barnard Castle)  
N. Wood (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)