

CITATION FOR SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL MEDAL TO ROGER CROFTS

Roger Crofts has contributed lifelong outstanding, inspirational, national and international work toward the natural heritage: raising the importance of land use, and the conservation of the environment through research, devising strategies, policies, public speaking, and publications: leading and working with a broad range of environmental organisations worldwide to increase awareness of the management of nature, geodiversity and geoheritage.

Roger's environmental expertise was clearly demonstrated in his years with Scottish Natural Heritage, and he has been actively engaged as a non-executive director and trustee in strategic management and governance of a large and diverse range of environmental NGOs and other organisations, including Plantlife, Fieldfare International Ecological Development, the National Trust for Scotland, the Crichton Carbon Centre, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Reserve, Scottish Rural College and the Sibthorp Trust.

Roger is a grounded, energetic, clear thinking and encouraging environmentalist. He is a mentor and adviser of the highest calibre. As Chair of RSGS for the past six years Roger has brought his expertise and connections to enhance the work of the Society. His regular papers for RSGS and his links to enable and encourage other authors to write for RSGS has greatly developed the reach of the Society. As Patron of the Scottish Association of Geography Teachers, he is, with RSGS, passionate about promoting the role of integrated approaches to the world and its peoples, and specifically is leading the development of a Knowledge Exchange Network for geography linking academics with the general public on key issues of public concern.

As Chair of RSGS, I am delighted therefore to invite one of our Vice Presidents, Erica Caldwell, to present Roger Crofts with the Scottish Geographical Medal as he fully fulfils the description of this award – for conspicuous merit and a performance of world-wide repute. In this, he joins a remarkable network of individuals, including Henry Morton Stanley, Colonel Francis Younghusband, Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir David Attenborough. We can think of no one more deserving than Roger to receive this, the highest accolade of RSGS awards.

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