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## Duns Park on Brighten Scotland list



Duns Park Gates, which may get a makeover in the new year

The gated entrance to Duns Park could become a festival of colour after powering past the competition to make the exclusive shortlist of smash-hit nationwide contest, Brighten Scotland.

The Brighten Scotland competition aims to find Scotland's most deserving public structure for a metal make-over. It invited every local authority in Scotland to nominate structures that they would like to see brightened up – at no cost to them.

Nominations flooded in from all over the country and the Duns Park gates have this week been named as one of six finalists.

If Duns Park is chosen as the overall winner, the stylised parameter gates will be entirely re-coated, free of charge by Highland Galvanizers and Colour Coaters, who specialise in the Colourgalv® treatment – a fusion of traditional hot-dip galvanizing and powder colour coating.

Highland will treat the winning structure with this bright, durable finish which stays colourfast for up to 30 years and protects structures against rust and corrosion for up to a century.

Duns Park Gates are up against a children's seating area in Gordon Park in Ellon, a sculpture at Kildonan Museum on South Uist, a set of park benches in Cunningham Watt Park in East Ayrshire, fencing around the Robert Burns statue in Paisley's Fountain Park, and metal artwork at Kilmarnock's Foregate multi-storey car park.

Highland is joined by an expert panel of judges, featuring leading steelwork artist Andy Scott; John Glenday, editor of Scotland's leading design and built environment magazine, Urban Realm; and Dave Heflin of powdercoating supplier AkzoNobel, who will chose the winner.

Geoff Crowley, managing director of Highland Galvanizers, said: "We received dozens of nominations from residents all over the country and were pleased to see local authorities really got behind the initiative.

"It's heartening to see people taking pride in their communities and supporting the spirit of the competition – to inject some colour into Scotland's built environment.

"Choosing the most worthy structures for the shortlist has involved some tough decisions, but the judging panel have an even harder task ahead – picking a winner out of these six worthy projects for a colourful make-over."

The winner will be announced in January and restoration will be carried out early next year.

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