

Lincolnshire Environmental Awards 2006 - 2018



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2018 - Minster Surfacing

2018 Overall Winner and Anglian Water Business Award: Minster Surfacing

Minster Surfacing is one of the first companies in the UK to be using technology which enables it to recycle material removed from old roads to be used again for new surfaces.

Up to 85% of roads across the country contain coal tar, which is deemed hazardous and can cost up to £100 per tonne to send to landfill. Minster Surfacing is able to convert removed material into Foambase

“People tend to think of road surfacing as a dirty, pollutive industry but we’re proving that it’s possible to dramatically reduce the carbon footprint of our work and improve our service as a result.”

Bruce Spencer-Knott,
Managing Director

and binder course products, creating a safe and durable product which can be used again. Foambase is a foamed bitumen product developed by OCL Regeneration. The production of Foambase produces 32% less CO2 than traditional hot asphalt and can be laid using the same tools and techniques.

While Minster Surfacing is currently able to recycle around 50% of the material it removes from roads, plans are in place for it to increase its recycling capability with the addition of a mobile Foambase recycling plant at its headquarters. This will significantly reduce the distance that material has to travel to be used on-site and it will enable the company to recycle even more.

Runners up:

British Hardwood Tree Nursery
Lincolnshire Eco Arborists.



2018 Branston Ltd Rural and Farming Award: HMP North Sea Camp

The 200 acre prison farm is run with a strong emphasis on conservation working with traditional breeds of livestock and training prisoners in land based activities and recycling. Woodland and hedge rows have been planted, bird and bat boxes installed and recycling is encouraged. Prisoners also support several community projects such as Boston in Bloom, local conservation projects and churches.

Runners up:

Artisan Honey Company
Merlin Renewables

2018 Centrica Community Award: Market Deeping Town Council

Rectory Paddock in Market Deeping, a meadow with trees and a small pond, was purchased by the town council some 20 years ago had become neglected. For the last three years a small team of volunteers has helped maintain the land:- three boundary hedges have been planted, wild flowers have been planted, blanket weed has been conquered and the pond is now crystal clear spring water covered by several varieties of Lily. A swift tower with 21 boxes and spaces for bats and a solar powered bird call system have been installed. The is now an oasis for wildlife near the town centre. Deer, foxes, sparrowhawk and owls have been seen as well as a variety of birds insects and flowers.

Runners up:

Lincolnshire Rivers Trust for their project Restoring the River Slea
The Lincolnshire Time and Tide Bell Community Interest Company

2018 FCC Environment Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist Award: St Margaret's CE Primary School, Withern.

The judges were particularly impressed with St Margaret's CE Primary Schools commitment to

“This award will give us the encouragement to continue on this journey and work even closer with our local community.”

James Siddle, Head Teacher, St Margaret's CE Primary School

outdoor learning and environmental work in the wider community.

The school in Withern near Alford has an outdoor learning space with an organic growing area, outdoor science laboratory, a unique

outdoor centre for mathematics, botanical gardens, a pond which now has frogs and newts, butterfly garden and 'bug hotels'. They hold an annual pumpkin day and produce their own organic apple juice.

But their environmental works also extends beyond the school boundary. Every member the school community is responsible for surveying the local woodlands, fields and water ways and contributes environmental data which is written up to share with the whole local community and fed into national surveys.



Pupils from St Margaret's CE Primary School with their bug hotel

Runners up:

Boston West Academy
Burton Hathow Preparatory School.

Highly commended:

Ancaster CofE Primary School
St Michael's CofE Primary School

The pond at Rectory Paddock, Market Deeping



2017 - Red Hen Day Nursery

2017 Overall Winner and Branston Ltd Rural & Farming Award: Red Hen Day Nursery

Red Hen Children's Day Nursery is situated on David and Jane Harrison's farm in Legbourne and offers children aged from 0-5 (and primary school aged children in the holidays), parents and staff the chance to experience nature, food and farming first-hand. The setting has developed its outdoor areas to include two ponds, wetland, woodland and also access to the surrounding fields.

2017 Centrica Community Award: Green Synergy

Green Synergy is a Lincoln-based charity that believes in the value of gardening to improve our local environment and inspire other people to do this too. Our work is particularly focussed in the city's most deprived communities where there are little or no accessible green spaces. Since Green Synergy started five years ago, we have created six community gardens (including bee and butterfly friendly plants, wildlife habitats, native trees and hedges and wildflowers) on unloved, derelict pieces of land. This year, they have begun the creation of a brand-new flagship community garden hub on two and half acres of derelict land at the back of Lincoln County hospital.

Runners up:
Nettleham Woodland Trust
Swineshead Enhancement Society

"It is a privilege to have children on the farm in their most formative years. Winning the Award is awesome! It puts early years on the map."

Jane Harrison, Red Hen Day Nursery

Over 1000 trees plus hedging has been planted and children are involved in these experiences. They access the outdoor areas daily so learn about nature, life cycles and begin to develop an understanding of the complexity of biodiversity.

Runners up:
Lincolnshire Rivers Trust, Dunston Beck Project
Kirkstead Old Mill Cottage B&B

Investigating pond life at Red Hen Day Nursery



Community gardening in Lincoln with Green Synergy

2017 Anglian Water Business Award: Witham Oil and Paint Ltd

From harvesting rainwater from factory roofs to installing solar panels and installing low energy lighting the company are finding many ways to reduce their carbon footprint. They offer a unique high performance Prolan lubricant range made from lanolin from sheep's wool which is food and water safe, friendly for environment and all made from a renewable source. They are also developing a unique new manufacturing process which uses sonic blending to make the various lubricant products. This enables them to use electricity from solar panels only to blend instead of previously large amounts of gas and fuels. The company are now striving in 2017 to become the first in the UK (possibly Europe and the world) to produce lubricants in a carbon neutral way.

Runners up:
ELTEC, Market Rasen
Treetops Cottages & Spa, Grasby, Caistor

2017 FCC Environment Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist Award: Leys Farm Junior School

Leys Farm School pride themselves on their gardens and the role children play in growing and looking after them. The wide variety of fruit and vegetables grown are used in the school kitchen, for baking or tasting sessions, or taken home by the children. There are also eight themed garden including a Shakespeare garden used for outdoor storytelling, a Polli:Nation garden with wildflowers to attract pollinating insects and a Daisy garden inspired by a visit from the author Nick Sharrott. The children also take part in community litter picks in the area near the school.

Runners up:
Emily and Tomas Dickson
Marton Primary School

Highly commended:
Oakfield Primary School, Scunthorpe
Sibsey Free Primary School, Boston
3rd Sleaford Cub Scout Group
Lacey Gardens Junior School, Scunthorpe

2016 - Mareham Pastures

**2016 Overall Winner and the Centrica Community Award:
Friends of Mareham Pastures**



Children play on one of the sculptures at Mareham Pastures in Sleaford

Mareham Pastures Local Nature Reserve was created on the site of an old waste tip. The reserve is a community led and volunteer based project, which has developed the area as a local nature reserve. The judges of the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards were impressed by the strong community

"I am so pleased that all the hard work of the volunteer group over the past 13 years has been rewarded."
Mark Suffield, chair, Friends of Mareham Pastures

involvement in the project which has enhanced local wildlife and created a beautiful place for people to visit. With support from Lincolnshire County Council thousands of trees have been planted, which are now developing into small areas

of woodland within the grassland environment of the reserve. The nature reserve has seen wildflowers flourish, which in turn has created a rich ecosystem for insects, birds and other wildlife.

**Runners up:
Boston in Bloom
Spirit of Sutterby**

2016 Anglian Water Business Award: Flintwood Farm Holidays

This enterprise has been a passion of the owner, Andrew Tuxworth, for almost two decades. His commitment over the years has produced a superb environment for the paying guest. The accommodation is a reconstruction of the original farm buildings using the original materials. The farm has been made into a park for guests to enjoy whilst at the same time maintaining farming connections by letting some areas for local livestock. 18 hectares of wildflower meadow have also been created, providing a rich habitat for local wildlife. An Iron Age burial mound is also included on the site. Andrew's passion for what he has achieved is evident and now he passes it on to others to move forward whilst still retaining that passion.

**Runners up:
MidUK Recycling
Lewis Morgan Creative Timber**



Flintwood Farm holiday accommodation



Orchids at Brackenborough Hall

2016 Branston Ltd Rural & Farming Award: Brackenborough Hall

As a successful Lincolnshire farming business, Brackenborough Hall has diversified by creating award winning self-catering accommodation in the Old Coach House. Heating of both houses on site is achieved through a renewable biomass energy generator. Much of the fuel comes from the woodland and park areas on the farm. A significant proportion of the electricity used, particularly during peak summer months, is generated by a solar array on the roof of the new shed. Judges were also impressed by the wealth of printed information available about the farm, local produce, local history and wildlife. The farm is in higher level stewardship, but a number of other environmental projects run alongside the required work

**Runners up:
Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project
Stourton Estates**

2016 FCC Environment Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist Award: Ruskington Chestnut C of E Primary School

In 2015 pupils at the school formed an 'Eco Team' to introduce a range of ideas to make the school more environmentally friendly. These ideas include energy spot checks, walk to school days, eco-themed plays and poster competitions, litter picking and the setting up of a Gardening Club in raised beds. These and many other ideas have helped foster a great positive attitude towards their local environment, encouraging recycling, energy conservation and sustainability.

**Runners up:
William Alvey Primary
Marton Primary School**

2015 - Tata Steel

2015 Overall Winner and the Anglian Water Business Award: Tata Steel, Scunthorpe

Tata Steel's Scunthorpe site falls within an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) because of elevated dust levels caused by wind blowing dust off the site. To alleviate this problem Tata Steel embarked on a project to create a green space with the objectives of mitigating wind speed (a major reason for dust dispersion), maintaining soil moisture levels (reducing the problem of dry soil erosion), improving soil stabilisation through tree roots and leaf decomposition and improving biodiversity through new vegetation.

Over 154,000 trees have now been planted in the area, while 4 miles of green embankment have been created with 7.5 acres of the project area seeded with wildflowers. The alternative to this was to cover the area in tarmac.

“The ‘greening’ of the Tata Steel Scunthorpe site has been happening over the last decade through roadside grassing and landscape maintenance. I am delighted that we have been recognised for our efforts and would like to thank everyone involved.”

Phil Togwell, principal scientist

Creating a green space has not only benefited nature, it has made a more pleasant environment for people to work in and proved significantly cost effective compared to the alternative.

Runners up:
Elsham Golf Course
Greetham Holiday Retreat



Before and after the 'greening' of Tata Steel's Scunthorpe site

2015 Lincoln Toyota Farm/Rural Enterprise Award:

Morris Brothers, Sand Hill Grange, Epworth
Morris Brothers, Sand Hill Grange, Epworth - enhancement schemes have created a varied habitat for wildlife while still being able to run a profitable enterprise these include planting mixed hedging and 16 acres of woodland, creating ponds and developing a heathland.

Runners Up: J.L. Dodsworth & Co, Burgh le Marsh

2015 Centrica Community Award: River Slea Clean Up Group, Sleaford

River Slea Clean up Group, Sleaford – founded in 2013, the first litter pick held by the group attracted over twenty very enthusiastic volunteers with immediate recognizable results on the amount of rubbish in the river and on its banks. The group became more formalised in 2014 with new litter picking equipment, insurances, safety equipment, first aid training, and with local town businesses helping with extra equipment, along with the donation of a boat the group moved on and scheduled successful clean-up events throughout 2014.

Runners Up:
The John Harrison Foundation, Grimsby
The Coastal Eco Centre, Skegness

2015 FCC Environment Young Environmentalist Award: Osgodby Primary School

Osgodby Primary School, Market Rasen, joined the Lincolnshire SCoRE (Schools' collaboration on Resource Efficiency) project when it was launched in the local area two years ago and won the area competition after saving the biggest percentage of electricity. The school has become noted for its energy efficiency and the children are enthusiastic promoters of energy saving measures.

Runners Up:
Bourne Westfield Primary Academy
St. Gilbert of Sempringham CofE Primary School
Lincoln Minster School Eco Club
St Gilbert's Church of England Primary School

2014 - Boston West Golf Club

2014 Overall Winner and the Anglian Water Business Award: Boston West Golf Club

Boston West Golf Club has embraced both environmental and conservation good practice. In the clubhouse, recycling is high on the agenda with cardboard, paper and glass all recycled, as are all plastics, waste oil, fertiliser bags and metals from the greenkeeping premises. Renewable energy is created via the 40 Solar Panels on the clubhouse roof. All waste water produced within the clubhouse and hotel is treated and recycled for golf course irrigation.

“All the golf course in the UK cover a larger area than nature reserves. Just think what a difference it would make if they were all managed like Boston West.”
Richard Owens, course manager

Surrounded by intensive agriculture with limited biodiversity, a barren field has been transformed into a great golfing experience and an oasis for wildlife out on the course with a broad range of species attracted to the diverse

range of habitats created within. Habitats created are reedbeds, woodlands, hedgerows, ponds, log piles, a brick barn owl tower, over 100 nest boxes of various types including kestrel (pictured above), insect hotels, wildflower areas, animal shelters and more.

Runners Up:
Branston Potatoes Ltd
Cargill PLC

2014 Lincoln Toyota Farm/Rural Enterprise Award: F G Battle and Sons

The family farm of F G Battle and Sons combines a thoroughly commercial and profitable arable farming business (and active/commercial woodland management) with the retention and enhancement of wildlife habitats and landscape features. The farming system is not organic but run on LEAF principles, with an eye to conservation implications and maximising biodiversity in all day to day husbandry decisions.

HLS grants have helped to create wildlife corridors, restore hedgerows, ponds and traditional buildings, provide conservation margins/beetle banks, and recreate limestone grassland and wetlands. Barn owl boxes have been very successful over the farm and there are good hare numbers.

Runners Up:
Marriage's Specialist Foods
Rudies Roots Nurseries



Kestrels in a nesting box at Boston West Golf Club

2014 Centrica Community Award: Grantham Rivercare

Formed in 2004, Volunteers of all ages and social backgrounds turn out regardless of the weather to clean up the two mile stretch for the River Witham adopted by Grantham Rivercare. Members are passionate about the river and prepared to take on any challenge. Although most of the rubbish is lightweight (bottles, cans, food wrappers etc), they have been known to salvage furniture, traffic cones, bicycles, shopping trolleys, tyres and mattresses.

Runners Up:
Bishops Palace Heritage Site
The Coastal Eco Centre

2014 FCC Environment Young Environmentalist Award: Skegness Infant Academy

The children at Skegness Infant Academy immerse themselves in environmental/sustainability issues through improving our grounds into an 'Eco Area'. A bog area has been built, as have vegetable beds, habitat piles, trees and hedges planted. Pupils have access every lunchtime to develop the area further for birds, animals and plants. There are no barriers to outdoor learning and pupils are actively encouraged to spend time outdoors every day. The Pupil Council are developing plans to recycle/re-use as much as possible and are fully engaged in the environmental developments within the Academy.

Runners Up:
Cordeaux Academy
Jordan Havell
Kirkby La Thorpe Primary Academy

2013 - Nettleham Woodland Trust

2013 Overall Winner and the Centrica Community Award: Nettleham Woodland Trust

The seed of the idea of the Nettleham Woodland Trust was a conversation between two neighbours over a garden fence. A simple discussion about wanting more trees in their local area has grown into one of the largest community tree planting initiatives in the county. Over 25,000 trees have been planted by the community for the community. Nettleham Woodland Trust was founded in 2006 and is run by local volunteers. Local families and schools have planted trees and shrubs to create



Tree planting with the Nettleham Woodland Trust

2013 Anglian Water Business Award: The Farm Kitchen

Set up in 2006 on a family farm near Sleaford, the Farm Kitchen now supplies 3,500 freshly prepared meals to primary school children in Lincolnshire using locally sourced, organic ingredients. Schools are also encouraged to learn more about where their food comes from. Children can visit the farms that the vegetables are grown on, the butcher where the meat is supplied from and the kitchen to see where the meals are produced. Vegetables from school gardens are also bought, with payment in the form of vegetable seeds or garden vouchers, and used in the meals for those schools.

Runners Up:

Drift Ashore, Grimsby
The Coastal Eco Centre, Seagull Recycling, Skegness

2013 FCC Environment Young Environmentalist Award: The Eco-Friendlies, Lincolnshire Montessori, Caistor

The five children that form the Eco-Friendlies have an Action Plan that addresses a wide range of environmental issues from encouraging energy saving and recycling to installing composters to use kitchen waste on their allotment and signing the school up to SelectLincolnshire to encourage the purchase of locally sourced produce for the school kitchen.

Runners Up:

Bourne Abbey Primary School
Burton Hathow Preparatory School
William Chico

“Being involved with Nettleham Woodland Trust give me more satisfaction that my years working professionally in forestry. Enjoying and watching the woodland that we’ve created grow, and that it will continue to grow for generations to come.”
Rob Newborough

new woodlands at the Lincolnshire Police Headquarters and near Dunholme with new woodlands: Monks Wood and, most recently, the Lincolnshire Co-op Wood. At all-abilities trail, willow tunnel and classroom area are also being developed.

Runners Up:

Len Pick Trust & Bourne United Charities
Rotary Club of Market Rasen

2013 Farm/Rural Enterprise Award: J.E. Piccaver & Co (Gedney Marsh)

This family farm that borders The Wash is one of the largest producers of speciality lettuce in the UK. As well as remaining a competitive business they have created habitats for wildlife including reedbed, hedgerow and woodland planting. The impact on wildlife has been positive with number of yellowhammer and tree sparrow increasing, marsh harriers breeding, high numbers of hedgehogs and 30 owl boxes. A sustainable strategy for the use of water on the farm has also been developed which includes an innovative way of using seepage pits to harvest freshwater from the naturally salty groundwater thus reducing dependence on mains water.

“The need to deliver more food for a growing population does not require loss of our precious biodiversity.”
Philip Hubbert, production manager

2012 - The Gelder Group

2012 Overall Winner and the Anglian Water Business Award: The Gelder Group

The Gelder Group are committed to sustainability and aim to be carbon neutral. Their specialist GreenTech Management Services was set up to deal with waste created by the building trade and currently the group recycle 94% of their waste; well above the national average. Solar panels provide 88% of the hot water for the head office, and rainwater is harvested from the roofs and car park for flushing toilets and to clean fleet vehicles. In 2008, a 13 acre reserve was set up at the head office at Sturton-by-Stow. It includes a one-acre lake, 8 acres of woodland, nearly two miles of footpaths and a barn owl tower with nesting barn owls.



Lincoln Red cattle on Holly Farm

Runners Up:

Walkers Snack Foods
Renewable Energy section of the Lincolnshire Echo



Barn owl leaving the nesting tower in the Gelder Group nature reserve

2012 Centrica Community Award: The Lincolnshire Firewood Fair

Set up five years ago and run entirely by volunteers the annual Lincolnshire Firewood Fair promotes the effective use of local firewood from sustainably managed woodland as an energy source. The Fair includes demonstrations, advice on burning wood and the importance of managing woodlands, and an auction of firewood from Lincolnshire woodlands. The success of the fair has inspired others to set up similar events elsewhere in the country.

Runners Up:

Sustainable Caistor
Real Nappy Champions

2012 Cemex Farm/Rural Enterprise Award: Dave Stanley, Holly Farm, Bourne

On his small holding, Dave Stanley aims to “practice what he preaches” on sustainability. The 30 acres of grassland demonstrates what can be achieved by implementing environmentally friendly practices. By monitoring the carbon levels in the soil he has demonstrated the role that mixed farming with cattle grazing can have in removing carbon from the atmosphere and locking it into the soil. It is a model that could be followed elsewhere. On receiving the award, Dave Stanley said: “I’ve thoroughly enjoyed participating in the awards today and seeing the enthusiasm of the other entrants. I would like to receive this on behalf of all farmers who are doing their bit to improve the environment.”

Runners Up:

Morris Brothers, Sand Hill Grange, Epworth
J.L. Dodsworth & Co, Burgh le Marsh

Waste Recycling Group Special Award

A special individual award for environmental youth work was presented by the Waste Recycling Group to Clifford Jukes.

For the past 30 years, Clifford Jukes has inspired and encouraged an interest in wildlife and the environment in countless children. As the volunteer leader to the North-East Lincs Wildlife Watch Group, he has held meetings once a month for children aged 6 or 7 years upwards. Clifford Jukes paid thanks to the support of his late wife, the other volunteer Wildlife Watch leaders and the parents of all the children involved.

2011 - The Nevile Estate

2011 Overall Winner and the Brown & Co Farm & Rural Enterprise Award: The Nevile Estate

The Nevile Estate at Aubourn illustrates that commercial farm productivity can go hand in hand with environmental success. Over the past 30 years, the estate which had very few natural landscape features has been transformed. Improvements on what is a highly commercial arable farm include significant hedge restoration and woodland planting, restoration of grassland and introduction of grazing, a new 40 acre wetland scheme and extensive paths for walkers and those on horseback. Wildlife highlights

“I’m delighted for all of the team on the estate; it’s been a team effort for a long time. The vision for all of this was from the late Sir Henry Nevile. He would have been very proud to win the award and to see the estate as it is today.”
Philip Wynn

include more than 30 pairs of wild grey partridge now breeding on the farm and, 100 years since they bred this far inland, two breeding pairs of avocets.

Runners Up:

JL Dodsworth and Co
L Olivant and Son

2011 Centrica Community Award: Stamford Community Orchard

The orchard group have established a community orchard in Stamford, a nursery on which to grow re-found varieties and hold an annual Apple Day. They aim to rediscover some of the forty varieties of apple that originated in the Stamford area, only five of which are now commercially available. They think they may have already found two lost varieties including the Stamford pippin.

Runners Up:

Wyndham Park Forum
Boston Woods Trust

2011 Anglian Water Business Award: Cemex, South Ferriby Cement Plant

Cement-making is energy intensive and involves burning fossil fuels to heat kilns to at least 1400 degrees Celsius. At South Ferriby, Cemex are pioneering the use of alternative fuels including a fuel made from household waste which would otherwise end up as landfill. They are the first cement plant in the world to have used 100% alternative fuels in cement manufacture. This achievement was over a three day period which they now hope to sustain over a longer period. Their average use of alternative fuels is 80% (the UK average is 35%).

Runners Up:

Lenzing Fibers Grimsby Ltd.
Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue

2011 Waste Recycling Group Young Environmentalist Award: The John Fielding Community Special School

The judging panel were particularly impressed with their work in the community and the way in which all students are involved to the best of their abilities. The students at the school have extended their environmental work and moved out into the community. They have been helping others, including Boston Borough Council, Boston College and Frieston Education Centre, by building recycled bottle greenhouses and bug palaces. The students have also built a 40foot polytunnel in which to grow organic vegetables.

Runners Up:

William Chico
Halton Holgate Primary School

Wetland creation on the Nevile Estate



2010 - Lisle Marsden

2010 Waste Recycling Group Young Environmentalists Award: Lisle Marsden CofE Primary School, Grimsby

Sustainability and improving the environment both inside and outside the school runs through the ethos of the Lisle Marsden C of E Primary School. The gardening club has a very productive allotment where fruit and vegetables are grown organically by the children; the produce from the allotment is used in healthy cooking lessons to make things like strawberry muffins and rhubarb punch; there is a

“Magic! One of the best days of my life”
Pupil, Lisle Marsden Primary School

walk to school scheme; and an environmental area with a pond, bird table, bug hotel and planting with native species to encourage bees and butterflies.

One of their successes has been the ‘Get your Grown-ups Growing Day’ where children invited their families to get involved with tree planting, bulb planting, making scarecrows and bird cake, constructing bug houses and collecting leaves. Over 100 adults joined in.

The children were already knowledgeable and enthusiastic but hadn’t expected to win. They felt inspired to keep working on their projects and develop their environmental area further.



Runners Up:

Priory City of Lincoln Academy
William Chico

Highly Commended:

Heckington Saint Andrews C of E Primary School
The John Fielding Community Special School
Imogen Reeves
Worlaby Primary School

Unfortunately the adult section of the Lincolnshire Environmental Awards was not run in 2010 due to a lack of sponsors.



Pupils from Lisle Marsden Primary School (left) Some of their garden produce and homemade food (above)

2009 - Operation Barn Owl

2009 Overall Winner and the Farm & Rural Enterprise Award: Association of Drainage Authorities and Wildlife Conservation Partnership for "Operation Barn Owl"

Operation Barn Owl began 21 years ago as a collaboration between the Association of Drainage Boards, the Wildlife Conservation Partnership and volunteer barn owl advisors. At that time there were just 200 pairs of barn owls in Lincolnshire but the potential of drainage ditches as linear habitats

"To win this is quite remarkable because the standard is so high. There are some fantastic entries." Bob Sheppard, volunteer barn owl advisor

for barn owls and a range of other species had been recognised. Management of the grassland edges to the drains was changed to benefit the field vole (barn owls main prey item) and, with few places suitable for nest boxes, a barn owl box on a pole was

designed. In 1987, Black Sluice Drainage Board put up the first 16 boxes which attracted 8 pairs of owls. Eleven Lincolnshire Drainage Boards are now part of the scheme and over 1000 barn owl chicks have fledged from Drainage Board boxes in Lincolnshire.

With 900 pairs of barn owls, Lincolnshire has most barn owls and the highest density of barn owls of any county in the country. The barn owls' success is due in part to the grassland strips alongside drains, sensitively managed for biodiversity, and the provision of nest sites.

Agriculture and Rural Enterprise Runner up:
Bleak House Farm

Ringling a barn owl chick



2009 Business Award: Centrica Energy

Following the realisation that their mowing regime on grass areas at the South Humberbank Power Station site, Stallingborough, were having an impact on nesting birds, Centrica Energy have changed their land management practices and created new wildlife habitats. They are now supporting other Centrica sites in producing biodiversity plans.

Runner up: The Gelder Group

2009 Community Award: Nettleham Woodland Trust

Local residents formed the Nettleham Woodland Trust in 2006 with the aim of seeing more trees in their local area. Since then they have involved a wide range of community groups and organisations in tree planting and woodland creation at PC Wood, Lincolnshire Police Headquarters and Monks Wood.

Runner up: The Burgh Angling Club

2009 Individual Award: Rodger Brownlow

Rodger Brownlow has been looking after Kettlethorpe Woods since 1983 and has increased biodiversity through woodland management and reversion of arable land to grassland.

Runner up: Leslie Dean

2009 Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist: Boston West Primary School

At Boston West Primary School the grey playgrounds and boring school field have been transformed into a fantastic outdoor environment which includes a willow classroom, trim trails, five sense gardens, a pond, bird hide, nest boxes and feeders, an insect hotel, a garden of reflection, animal sculptures, and lots of different kinds of trees. The children also recycle waste and save energy throughout the school. Being eco-friendly is the ethos of the school and there are now plans to build a new sustainable "green" building as part of the school environmental area.

Runners up:

The John Fielding Community Special School
Swinderby All Saints C of E Primary School

2008 - Doddington Hall

2008 Overall Winner and the Farm & Rural Enterprise Award: Doddington Hall and Gardens

Since taking over the running of the family home and gardens of Doddington Hall in 2005, Claire and James Birch have been determined to be as environmentally friendly as they can be. They have resurrected the walled kitchen garden and brought it back into production, growing fruit and vegetables organically; as an outlet for the garden's produce and a centre for other locally sourced produce, they have developed a farm shop and café, with a building that collects rainwater for use in the garden and toilets, and uses natural ventilation and low energy appliances as widely as possible.

"We're totally surprised and really proud of what we, and all the staff and volunteers, have worked so hard to achieve. One of our key elements is learning and spreading the word. We're thrilled to have won as it will really help us do this." Claire Birch

The entire oil-fired heating and hot water system for the hall, farm shop & café, plus seven other buildings has also been converted to a carbon neutral wood-chip heating system which uses thinnings and dead wood from the estate. One of the most remarkable outcomes is that for the first time in a generation, there are

a growing number of residents in the village who actually work in some capacity on the estate.



Organically grown vegetables on sale in the Doddington Hall Farm Shop

2008 Business Award: The Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Agricultural Society

The EPIC Centre is designed to be the most sustainable of buildings, the EPIC Centre showcases innovation, low carbon technologies and responses to global warming.

Runner-up: Envirobarns, Fishtoft

2008 Community Award: Grantham Angling Association

Over the last ten years or so habitat restoration projects by the Grantham Angling Association has returned the Upper River Witham near Grantham to the state it would have been in a hundred years ago benefiting the rare white clawed crayfish, water vole and native brown trout. Colin Hides said: "We sometimes feel like we are ploughing a lonely furrow and are very pleased that people feel we are doing a worthwhile job. It gives us encouragement for the future."

Runner up: Lincoln Conservation Group

2008 Individual Award: Pat O'Carroll

For seven years Pat O'Carroll has been involved in green woodworking and traditional woodland crafts; teaching and demonstrating to community groups and schools. To enhance this, he has recently set up a social enterprise called Greenheart which works within schools and clubs to teach shelter building and wilderness skills and to increase awareness of ecological issues and sustainable development.

Runner up: Heather Proctor

2009 Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist: North Kesteven School Eco Committee

Awards judge, Julie Crowson, commented: "It's extremely difficult to judge such diversity of entrants but the commitment and dedication of the children at North Kesteven School really shines through and the evidence of what they are doing is all over the school."

The children were shocked to have won and hope that winning will encourage others at the school to get involved with their varied green projects which include an eco-garden, recycling, walk to school week, as well as monitoring their carbon footprints and setting targets for reduction.

Runners up:

Gosberton House School
William Hildyard Church of England Primary School

2007 - Weirfield Wildlife Hospital

2007 Overall Winner and the Community Award: Weirfield Wildlife Hospital

Weirfield Wildlife Hospital was set up in 1989 by Dave and Ally Townsend. In the first year they treated 111 animals, in 2006 they treated over 2,000 animals. Their ethos is that wildlife should stay wild. Where possible animals are released back into the wild and the amount of human contact is limited. Dave and Ally, who both work full time, have worked with

"We are very pleased that we, and all our volunteers, have been appreciated and acknowledged in this way."
Ally Townsend

local pet food suppliers to develop appropriate food for wildlife and developed a release pen. They are now developing facilities for schools, colleges and trainee vets with a new Education Unit.

The success of the hospital wouldn't be possible without the team of volunteers. There are currently about 60 regular and committed volunteers as well as trainee and newly qualified vets from around the world who stay at Weirfield to experience wildlife rehabilitation.

Runner up:
Mareham on the Hill Churchyard Conservation Project

Agriculture Award: Manor House Farm, Thorpe St Peter, Skegness

Runner up:
Poplar Farm and Sunnyside Up, Market Rasen

Business Award: Simons Group

Runner up: Lindum Group

Individual Award: Lee Conlon, Lincoln Swan Preservation Society

Runner up: June Barton, The Magic of the Saltmarshes

2007 Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist: Isaac Newton Primary School

The whole school joins in with environmental projects including paper recycling, plastic recycling, composting, rainwater harvesting, growing vegetables and looking after the school wildlife area. The children were very excited and pleased to have won the award. Their comments included: "We're really happy with what we've done but this has made us more confident in what we're doing and we will do more." "We're really good at recycling!"

Runner-up:
Harlaxton CE Primary School
Lisle Marsden CE Aided Primary School



Badger cubs at Weirfield Wildlife Hospital

2006 - HMP Morton Hall

2006 Overall Winner and the Business Award: HMP Morton Hall

HMP Morton Hall is a semi-open female prison near Swinderby, 70% of the prison population are foreign nationals many of whom are deported on release. A general "greening initiative" is evident throughout the premises including a waste management programme that has reduced the waste going to landfill by 50%; a biodiversity action plan and management plan for the area adjacent to the establishment; the use of used cooking oil to run a tractor and heat greenhouses; and an innovative new concept for composting all food waste including meat that is being trialled in conjunction with Brunel University.

The staff see it as a way forward for the prisoners, providing them with skills and good habits that they can take back to their own countries. Training, such as an accredited qualification in recycling are also provided.

Runner up: ConocoPhillips Humber Refinery

Agriculture Award: Flintwood Farm, Belchford

Runner up: Forum for Sustainable Farming

Community Award: Friends of Mareham Pastures, Sleaford

Runner up: Grantham Rivercare Group

Individual Award: Roger Goy, Wildlife Helpline Service

Runner up: Terry Wells, Clean Up After Your... Awareness Campaign

2006 Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist, age 12 and under: East Wold Church of England Primary School

In the under 12 age category, the winners were East Wold Church of England Primary School for their work on the school wildlife area including successfully petitioning the school governors to keep the pond.

"Amazing, we're going to go back to class and tell everyone."
Pupil, East Wold Primary School

Runners up:
Healing Primary School, Grimsby
Leys Farm Junior School, Scunthorpe

2006 Lincolnshire Young Environmentalist, 13-18 years old: Metheringham Guides

In the 13-18 age category the winning entry came from Metheringham Guides for their work on the local pond and recycling project. They too were amazed to have won and said: "none of us were expecting this, our friends will be impressed when we tell them."

Runners up:
The Priory School, Spalding, nature area and recycling programme
James Bellamy, work at Liquorice Park, Lincoln



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