

## Small/ medium business



■ Louise Rout of Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden receives the award from Nova Fairbank, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.

**Winner:** Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, established in 1975, has reduced its water and energy consumption despite doubling its business floor space in 2008. Judges were impressed by

the “comprehensive eco-ethos shown throughout this project”.

**Highly commended:** Outspoken Delivery, a parcel delivery service in Norwich, uses tricycles.

## Community group



■ Alan Hopley, of Voluntary Norfolk, presents the award to Mira Tietz.

**Winner:** FoodCycle Norwich is the Norwich hub of a national charity. Volunteers use surplus food and spare kitchen spaces to provide tasty nutritious meals for people at risk of food poverty and social

isolation. **Highly commended:** The White Horse, in Upton, is the county’s first community-owned pub. Its shop is heated solely from the heat generated from freezer compressors.

## Eco home



■ David Thompson and John Lefever of Hastoe with Andrew Verney, from Foster Property Maintenance.

**Winner:** Hastoe Housing Association won for its homes at Birdbeck Drive in Outwell. The 15 new, affordable homes are built to environmental Passivhaus standards, with highly-insulated timber

frames. **Highly commended:** A family home in Norwich, 4-6 St Leonard’s Terrace, was selected for its clever architecture. Judges said it was “ultra energy efficient”.

# Green heroes are honoured for sustainable efforts this year

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It is a celebration of the local people who help to protect our planet.

And as it enters its ninth year, the Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards has been made bigger and better than ever, now covering all of Norfolk and with two extra prize categories – eco home and food producer.

Around 60 entries were received this year.

Tim O’Riordan, professor of environmental sciences at UEA, presented this year’s awards at The Forum.

“The standard of all the entries was truly impressive,” he said. “It’s inspiring to think there are so many great organisations and groups in our county raising the flag for sustainability and placing the environment at the very top of their agenda.”

A group of judges had a difficult job to whittle down the entries to only two per category – a highly commended entry and the winning entry.

Winners this year included Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, and the Eco Hero was

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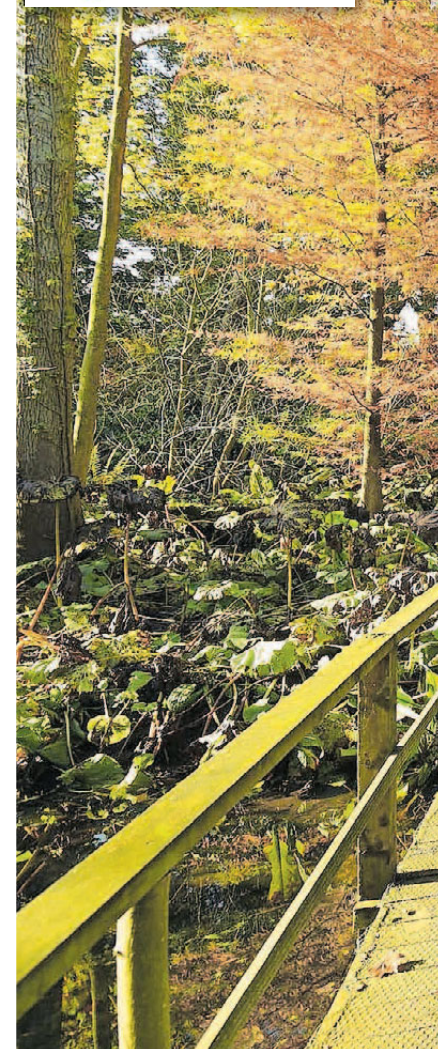
Jonathan Hooton of Notre Dame High School.

The ceremony was made possible by a series of sponsors. These included: Enterprise Rent-A-Car; Norfolk Integrated Education Advisory Service; Norfolk Chamber of Commerce; Voluntary Norfolk; Slow Food Norwich and Anglia; Foster, part of the Lakehouse group.

Catering on the night was provided by Norwich social enterprise The Feed and sponsored by Wild Anglia.

Prof O’Riordan hailed all entrants for helping “to keep Norfolk the beautiful place we are all lucky enough to live in and to keep it that way for future generations”.

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■ Fairhaven Woodland and Water



■ The Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards winners and sponsors are pictured following the awards ceremony at The Forum.

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Gardens was one of the winners at the Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards ceremony.

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Primary school



■ Sue Falch-Lovesey, head of environmental and outdoor learning at Norfolk County Council with Harleston Primary School's Rachel Conquer and Lee Richardson.

**Winner:** Harleston Primary School won for its eco-initiatives, including Walking Wednesdays and Walking Buses. Other initiatives have included tidy-up groups, who tidy the school grounds

and town, and a competition towards an Eco Owl prize. **Highly commended:** Brundall Primary School has decreased its electricity use by 20pc after installing solar panels, and children have raised chicks.

Secondary school



■ Howard Duff, from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, with Jack Thomas and Johnny Keeler of Dereham Neatherd High School.

**Winner:** Dereham Neatherd High School has been awarded the Food for Life Gold Award in recognition of efforts to make food organic, free-range, sustainable, healthy and affordable, and local.

**Highly commended:** Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form established Team Green, which has run a number of initiatives including Black Out Day, to switch off unnecessary electrical equipment.

Food producer category

**Winner:** Mrs Temple's Cheese, made in the village of Wighton, near Wells, was described by judges as a business with "more eco elements than you can imagine". Part of farming firm J F Temple and Son, the food producer uses milk from the farm's herds of cows to make a range of handmade cheeses. The heat required for the cheese-making is sustainable, and milk comes from local cows fed as much as possible from home-grown feed. Judges were impressed by the "thoughtful planning, pioneering spirit and willingness to take a risk and breakaway from more traditional energy-intensive practices".

**Highly commended:** Candi's Chutney of Dereham and Cornerways Nursery of Wisington, near King's Lynn, were described as complementing each other to produce chutneys using only local, seasonal ingredients.



■ Stephen Temple, from Mrs Temple's Cheeses, is presented with the award by Silvia Venturini and Dermott Sales of Slow Food Norwich and Anglia.

Eco hero



■ Marcia Davies of Anglian Water congratulates Jonathan Hooton.

Jonathan Hooton, head of geography and environmental science at Notre Dame High School in Norwich, was chosen as the winner. Judges said they were "particularly impressed with

the way he has enthused and inspired young people, helping them to find their voice in explaining the severity of climate change and coming up with positive ways of making a difference".