

CPRE Norfolk Awards 2018

The 2018 Awards Evening



The CPRE Norfolk Awards Evening was held at The Hostry, Norwich Cathedral on Monday 19th November 2018. The Guest of Honour handing out the prizes this year was Charles Barratt, a Patron of CPRE Norfolk and Chairman of Barratt and Cooke.

The Awards were sponsored by [William Morfoot](#) and [The West Norfolk Academies Trust](#)

The CPRE Norfolk Awards 2018 had four categories, each for projects or campaigns started or completed within the previous three years (to the end of August 2018) and be within the county border of Norfolk.

GREEN BUILD AWARD

The judges were looking for projects which:

- Built sustainable living and communities
- Reduced energy, carbon and water usage and lead on creating more of a circular waste stream
- Used local labour / suppliers and materials, including recycled / re-used materials
- Showed a creative and imaginative approach to revival and regeneration including sensitive development of brownfield sites and / or featured under-utilised buildings
- Sat comfortably in their surroundings and / or blended in with the local vernacular

WINNER

Goldsmith Street Development, Norwich City Council

A brownfield development in Norwich of 105 dwellings for social rent, built to high PassivHaus and design standards, and making it the largest PassivHaus scheme for social rent in the country.

JOINT RUNNERS-UP

Hill Farms Barns on the Holkham Estate

Derelict cattle barns converted into eco-efficient offices, using local labour and recycled materials, and keeping the vernacular to blend in with its surroundings. Now used by a local company and providing the headquarters for the Holkham Nature Reserve.

Barley House, Rockland St. Peter

A large family home built to PassivHaus standards, using local and recycled materials, including a large oak frame, straw bale walls, with lime render.

SPECIAL MENTION

Biergarten, Caston

A timber-clad PassivHaus making the best use of a tight, awkward setting.

THRIVING COUNTRYSIDE AWARD

The judges were looking for projects which:

- Demonstrated a countryside or farming initiative designed to protect an integral area of Norfolk countryside long-term
- Enabled that area of Norfolk countryside to be economically viable
- Offered new or increased enjoyable access to that area of Norfolk countryside
- Promoted and interpreted that landscape's characteristics and biodiversity
- Engaged a wide section of the community, broadened participation and widened understanding of the countryside

WINNER

North Walsham Conservation Group

A large group of local volunteers look after hay meadows and woodland, have unearthed Honing Railway Station from under years of debris, to make it part of Weavers' Way, brought back to life delicate wildflower habitats at Knapton and Felmingham railway lines, and completely transformed a large area into a beautiful habitat-rich resource for education, visits and relaxation.

RUNNER-UP

Returning Grazing to Whitwell Common SSSI

A project to bring Highland cattle to graze Whitwell Common. By eating up the nutrient rich grass and choking weeds, the indigenous eco-system of the common, rich in rare and delicate bog-plants is once again thriving.

ENGAGED YOUTH AWARD

The judges were looking for projects which:

- Demonstrated a schools or youth educational or practical project engaging young people in shaping our rural environment for the future
- Was designed in part or in whole by young people
- Enhanced the wellbeing of young people over the long-term
- Encouraged new forms of appreciating nature, and living or working in the countryside
- Engaged and worked within the education system to foster a new approach to caring for the environment and for communities

WINNER

Colby Primary School Eco Hub

Largely run with ideas from the children themselves, designed as a resource for exploring the natural world, understanding eco-technology, innovative recycling ideas, raising their own vegetables, fruits, hens and insects, sharing their knowledge with other schools at workshops, acting as eco-ambassadors, building relations with local businesses.

RUNNER-UP

Felbeck Trust Outdoor Classroom

Works with children from Aylmerton Field Studies Centre, and further afield from deprived urban environments, to provide a beautiful oasis in a relaxing atmosphere, which is often a new experience for some children. Learning to be calm, listen, learn, identify, explore, experience nature, build up their confidence, and use their imagination.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AWARD

The judges were looking for projects which:

- Demonstrated campaigning involving a large section of the community and its support
- Improved the environment and liveability of that community
- Broke new ground in promoting best practice sustainable rural living
- Were inspiring and replicable elsewhere
- Helped to change perception and / or behaviour by the local community or local authority

WINNER

Norfolk Ponds Project

A collaborative project with several organisations and farmers to recover silted-up, lost or 'ghost' farmland ponds across Norfolk, of which there are 23,000, more than any other English county.

Results so far have been spectacular with volunteers clearing ponds to create a network of habitat steppingstones allowing species to thrive and encouraging back great crested newt, crucian carp, water vole, stoneworts, and several farmland birds and pollinators, plus many rare wetland plants.

RUNNER-UP

Brecks Bat Project

A five-year project of large numbers of volunteers in a 'citizen science' experiment to record bat movements using equipment supplied by Norfolk Bat Survey resulting in hugely increased knowledge of the movements and species of Norfolk bats.

SPECIAL MENTION

Assist Trust

A litter-picking campaign helping adults with learning difficulties be mobile, build up confidence and teamwork skills, and feel a valuable part of their community.