

SOUTH WEST
GREEN ENERGY
AWARDS 2008

NOMINATIONS

The 2008 South West England Green Energy Awards celebrate the success of sustainable energy in the region. Previously, the awards have concentrated solely on renewable energy, but this year, many of the awards include energy efficiency too. This year nominations are invited in the following seven categories:

- Best business innovation
- Most proactive local authority
- Best sustainable energy community
- Best large renewable energy scheme
- Best small renewable energy scheme (under 100kW)
- Best housing scheme
- South west sustainable energy champion

The awards will be made by a panel of independent judges, including experts in sustainability, business innovation, community projects and local authorities, and will be presented at a gala dinner on 25 November 2008 at the Bristol City Centre Marriot hotel.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. We will accept nominations for activities or projects that have come to fruition since March 2007. Activities or projects need to have actually taken place and may not be plans or concepts for the future.
2. On your nomination form you should explain why you believe the nominee deserves to win a Green Energy Award and then try and answer the relevant questions for that award (see below for the questions).
3. Self nomination is allowed. All nominations will be kept private and are shared only with the event organisers and judging panel.
4. Those nominees short-listed will be informed prior to the awards, and should consent to photography of their project where appropriate and mentions in media work related to the awards.
5. We are looking for quality, not quantity of nominations, and discourage mass voting for the same project.
6. The judges' decision is final. There should be no lobbying of judges.
7. **Closing date for nominations is 5pm, Monday 29 September 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEES

BEST BUSINESS INNOVATION

We are looking for the best new product, process or service that has been developed by a south west based company. We are looking for exceptional innovations that have the potential to positively affect the growth of renewables or energy efficiency regionally or nationally.

1. What is the innovation? How does it stand out from other products, processes or services?
2. What is the business effect of the innovation?
3. What is the significance of the innovation on a national level?
4. What are the potential economic benefits to the south west?

MOST PROACTIVE LOCAL AUTHORITY

This award is designed to recognise the crucial role local authorities can play in supporting sustainable energy, through developing policies and actions to support the growth of the sector, including the generation of green heat or power on their own land and buildings.

1. What positive policies are in place and does the capability and political will exist to implement these policies?
2. Which policies are being actively implemented through action on the ground?
3. What has been the effect of its action on the ground? i.e. the number of people who have benefited or the power or heat produced.
4. What is the significance of what it has done on a county, regional or national level?

BEST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY

We are looking for a south west community that has been effective in working to reduce energy consumption and increase renewable energy generation for the benefit of the community.

1. What renewable energy and energy efficiency measures have been put in place in the community, and what funding mechanisms were tapped into?
2. What level of community involvement and support has there been for the scheme?
3. What has been the effect of the scheme? i.e. benefits to the community and any environmental gain from the project.
4. What long-term carbon-reduction activities is the community committed to?

BEST LARGE RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

We are looking for a new, large south west renewable energy scheme that breaks new ground and delivers significant carbon savings, or promises them through its ability to be replicated. We are keen to receive nominations from all technologies.

1. What are the environmental benefits of the scheme including units of energy delivered and carbon saved on a monthly or yearly basis?
2. What barriers did the individual or business have to overcome to build the scheme?
3. What are the local benefits of the scheme? i.e. What percentage of construction was contracted to south west companies
4. What is the significance of the scheme on a county, regional or national level? Is it a first, is it replicable?

BEST SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (100KW OR BELOW)

We are looking for a new, small south west renewable energy scheme (100kw or below) that breaks new ground and delivers significant carbon savings, or promises them through its ability to be replicated. We are keen to receive nominations from all technologies.

1. What are the environmental benefits of the scheme including units of energy delivered and carbon saved on a monthly or yearly basis?
2. What barriers did the individual or business have to overcome to build the scheme?
3. What are the local benefits of the scheme? i.e. Was the work contracted to a south west company?
4. What is the significance of the scheme on a county, regional or national level? Is it a first, is it replicable?

BEST HOUSING SCHEME

We are looking for a south west home or a housing development that generates its own renewable energy in an innovative way and minimises its carbon footprint.

1. How do the scheme's energy efficiency and renewable energy measures minimise its carbon footprint?
2. How is the scheme innovative or locally appropriate?
3. What barriers did you have to overcome to install the technology?
4. Is the scheme replicable, and how is learning being shared?

SOUTH WEST SUSTAINABLE ENERGY CHAMPION

This award recognises the achievements of individuals making a real difference to the development of sustainable energy in the south west. The champion could be a politician, an individual working in the sustainable energy sector, or a local business leader. The champion needs to demonstrate leadership and individual commitment, and that they have made a real impact in securing renewable energy for the south west.

1. How has the champion helped further the development of sustainable energy in South West England?
2. Has the champion supported specific south west sustainable energy schemes and how have they showed their support?
3. What obstacles or difficult issues did they have to overcome?
4. How has the champion gone above and beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of their role to champion sustainable energy in the region?

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