

## **Norwich & Norfolk Eco Awards: Raise the Environmental Profile of Your School**

People in Norfolk are once again being given the chance to showcase their environmental excellence as Norwich City Council and Norfolk County Council run their Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards.

Winning an Eco Award is an excellent opportunity to raise the public profile of your school while also receiving recognition for all of your and your students' hard work.

The aim is to celebrate and recognise projects and schemes with a strong ecological or environmentally-friendly ethos or groups and organisations which can show they adopt a sound eco-approach to all their operations.

There are six entry categories:

- outstanding eco primary school sponsored by [Recycle for Norfolk](#)
- outstanding eco secondary school sponsored by [Cleantech East](#)
- outstanding eco community group sponsored by [Voluntary Norfolk](#)
- outstanding eco small/medium business (less than 50 staff) sponsored by [BEE Anglia](#)
- outstanding eco food producer sponsored by [Slow Food Norwich and Anglia](#)
- outstanding eco home sponsored by [Foster](#), part of the Lakehouse group

Previous winning projects have included walking buses, carbon reduction, renewable energy projects, a swift sustainability project, wildlife gardening and waste reduction among other things.

Last year's winners included:

Eco Primary School

**Winner – [Harleston Primary School](#)**

*Judges were impressed with how the project sought to engage with parents and the wider community. Their Swift Action project involved the children in letter writing detailing the importance of the project, collating information from questionnaires to establish the desire for the project locally and subsequently new swift nesting boxes*

Eco Secondary School

**Winner – [Dereham Neatherd High School](#)**

*The judges were particularly pleased with the connection between food and the natural world embodied in the various projects going on at the school. This was an innovative project and the judges would like to see it replicated in other schools across Norfolk.*

It's free to enter with an easy application process. Winners receive a trophy and certificate as well as Eco Awards branding to use for marketing purposes. In addition, winners will receive promotion across local and council media.

The 2016-17 Norwich and Norfolk Eco Awards are open now for entries and the closing date is **Tuesday 14 February 2017**. The official awards ceremony will be held at The Forum in Norwich on Thursday 16 March 2017.

For more information or to apply, visit:  
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