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CPRE NORFOLK AWARDS

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Introduction from the Judges

The CPRE Norfolk Awards is the longest running CPRE awards scheme in England, having been established in 1979. While having a long history, the scheme also has a wide remit, recognising exemplar projects in landscape management, architecture (both new buildings and restorations) and education (for school children and the wider public). 2009 has been a record year for entries and the 24 projects chosen make an excellent addition to the hundreds of projects recognised over the past thirty years.

We visited two excellent schools this year - Garboldisham Primary School and Fairhaven Primary School in South Walsham - and we were also delighted to see the How Hill Living Marshes project which aims to promote understanding and management of the marsh habitat. We have also recognised the work of Breckland Council with school children, scouts and other youth groups in raising awareness of the problems of litter, especially as litter prevention is one of CPRE's major campaigns.

New 'green' buildings are well represented this year with the judges recognising the importance of good environmental practices in contemporary architecture. On a large scale this is shown in the latest addition to Wymondham College and, on a smaller scale, in the Green Pavilion at Lower Gresham. Projects at important historical sites have also been recognised, including at Wymondham Abbey and Binham Priory.

Several entries this year have promoted positive management of the countryside and will give benefit to both wildlife and walkers. Examples of this are the Tiffey Trail at Wymondham and the Sheringham Trails. We have also visited two splendid orchards filled with rare fruit varieties; one an historic orchard and the other newly planted. Both orchards recognise the value of protecting disappearing varieties of fruit, while also encouraging plant and animal wildlife.

Finally, a book has also been produced containing excellent research into the flora and fauna of the Catfield Hall Estate. The owners of the hall have been returning this valuable landscape from arable to traditional pasture grazed by rare breeds.

Together, all of the winning projects help to retain a beautiful and stimulating local environment and increase understanding of, and involvement in, the countryside. I thank my fellow judges, the sponsors Targetfollow, and the efforts of all those Norfolk individuals, communities and organisations that have made this enhancement possible.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Walton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martin Walton
Chairman of Judges

CPRE NORFOLK AWARDS WINNING PROJECTS 2009

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS

Wymondham Library
The Green Pavilion, Lower Gresham
St Peter's Church Strumpshaw
Anglia Farmers' Offices, Honingham Thorpe
Restoration of the Ancient Ha-ha at Wymondham Abbey
Wymondham College
Binham Priory Access and Conservation Project
Hall Farm Barns, Deopham
Old Hall Barn, Great Ellingham
Starston Hollow Post Windpump
North Norfolk Information Centre, Cromer

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Sheringham Trails Project
Whitlingham Visitor Centre, Landscape and Education Programme, Trowse
Apple Barn and Heritage Orchard at Salthouse
Broadland Flood Alleviation Project, Cantley Marshes
The Walks Urban Park Conservation Project, Kings Lynn
High Ash Farm, Caistor St Edmund
A Natural History of the Catfield Hall Estate (publication)
White House Orchard, Walpole Highway
The Tiffey Trails at Wymondham

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Fairhaven School Garden & Gardening Programme, South Walsham
School Grounds Development at Garboldisham CE VC Primary School
How Hill Living Marshes Project, Ludham
Litter Education in Breckland

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS



Wymondham Library

A distinctive contemporary building made of warm, natural materials. The design makes architectural references to significant and historic buildings in the town, whilst providing light, airy and open accommodation for different library activities.

Owners/Commissioners: Norfolk County Council Library & Information Service

Architects: NPS South East Ltd



The Green Pavilion, Lower Gresham

A sustainably designed, environmentally friendly and beautiful building which sits comfortably in the landscape and connects well to the natural surroundings. The design includes the use of natural materials in construction, solar panels for water heating and high insulation levels.

Owners: Mr A & Mrs J Young

Architect: Keith Reay

Oak Frame: Ed Crane (Timber Framing and Conservation)

Contractor: Edmund Reardon



St Peter's Church Strumpshaw

A new nave roof designed to match the original medieval roof and include a new lighting scheme for the entire church. The design enabled the tower arch to be exposed and the installation of a new high-level stained glass east window.

Owner: PCC of St Peter's Church Strumpshaw

Architects: Nigel Sunter and Iain Walker (Purcell Miller Tritton)



Anglia Farmers' Offices, Honingham Thorpe

A conversion of redundant farm buildings to provide office accommodation for the co-operative Anglia Farmers Ltd. The choice of black-boarding and brick-red panelling was inspired by the colours of traditional Norfolk barns.

Owners: Anglia Farmers Ltd

Architect: Lydia Russell-Demisse (Arctica)

Contractors: H Smith & Sons (Honingham) Ltd



Restoration of the Ancient Ha-ha at Wymondham Abbey

The repair and restoration of the ha-ha ditch and wall has significantly improved the vista from the Abbey Churchyard and the view from the Abbey Meadows whilst enhancing the landscape setting of Wymondham Abbey itself.

Trustees: The Reverend William Papillon Charity

Architect: Neil Birdsall

Stonemason: John Allen



Old Hall Barn, Great Ellingham

The transformation of a 20th century prefabricated agricultural building into a spacious contemporary home. The conversion uses the frame and foundations of the existing buildings, larch cladding, and highly insulated areas of glazing, to a vigorous contemporary effect.

Owners: Mr & Mrs Fred Ingrams

Architects: Jeremy Walker and David Buckingham (threeD)



Wymondham College

A new VI Form centre at Wymondham College, incorporating a 115-bed unit with day accommodation and connections to existing buildings. The extension provides a new landmark building at the entrance to the College and its design works well with its landscape setting.

Owner: Wymondham College

Architect: Jeremy O'Rourke (LSI Architects LLP)

Landscape Architect: Eoghan Sheils

Contractor: RG Carter Ltd



Starston Hollow Post Windpump

The windpump, a Grade 2 Scheduled Ancient Monument, was erected in 1832 and is now thought to be the only one of its type left. It has been restored with help from English Heritage and Norfolk County Council and has been adopted as a symbol for the village of Starston.

Owner: Mr R G Lombe Taylor

Millwright: Mr Richard Seago



Binham Priory Access and Conservation Project

A project which improves access to, and understanding of, the medieval Binham Priory. It features conservation of the medieval gatehouse, and precinct walls, the improvement of physical access to the church, a new entrance and service building and additional information sources for visitors.

Owner and Project Managers: Binham Parochial Church Council

Financial Manager: Hilary Brown

Project Contributor: Pauline Scott

Archaeological Advisors: Norfolk Archaeological Trust

Architects: Mark Wilkinson (Donald Insall Associates) and Mark Cleveland (The Whitworth Co-Partnership)

Contractor: Fisher and Sons (Fakenham) Ltd



North Norfolk Information Centre, Cromer

An environmentally-friendly, innovative and landmark building which provides flexible accommodation as an Information Centre and as an education facility for local schools and visiting groups.

Client: North Norfolk District Council

Architects: Stead Mutton Associates

Project Managers: Norfolk Property Services

Main Contractor: H Smith & Sons (Honingham) Ltd

Quantity Surveyor: Andrew Morton Associates

Engineer: Canham Consulting

Services Consultant: P J Cozens



Hall Farm Barns, Deopham

A new 'garden room' which connects the existing listed barn conversion to the garden, and improves access to the outside of the dwelling. The project was designed to minimise disruption to the original listed building, and is a contemporary structure with good levels of insulation.

Owners: Drs Alan Lee and Gillian Gray

Architect/Project Manager/Contractor: Steve Highton



ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Sheringham Trails Project

A series of route-marked walks which encourages residents and visitors to appreciate the attractive countryside around Sheringham, whilst highlighting the natural and social history of the area. The routes cover a diverse range of landscapes within a relatively small distance.

Project Co-ordinators: Sheringham Plus

Key Contributor: Francis Farrow



Whitlingham Visitor Centre, Landscape & Education Programme, Trowse

A comprehensive improvement project of Whitlingham Country Park, including the development of a visitor centre with café and office facilities, improvements to the landscape and pathways, and an education programme.

Owners and Project Managers: Whitlingham Country Park and The Broads Authority



Apple Barn and Heritage Orchard at Salthouse

A heritage apple orchard with apple barn. The low-energy, wildlife-friendly barn provides a frost-free area in which to sort and pack the apple crop and its construction was used as an opportunity to educate others in environmental building techniques.

Owners: David Lincoln and Judith Campbell



Broadland Flood Alleviation Project, Cantley Marshes

Improvements to this internationally-important 250 hectare wildlife site, featuring a wider flood bank with an even surface for improved pedestrian access and a new "double-dyke" system to benefit water management and wildlife.

Project Managers: BESL Ltd



The Walks Urban Park Conservation Project, Kings Lynn

Conservation and restoration of The Walks - a Grade II Listed historic landscape in the heart of King's Lynn. The £3.5 million restoration project was jointly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. Improvements include better lighting, new children's play area and multi use games area, CCTV installation, a new park management building and a cafe.

Corporate Project Managers: Mark Fuller and Kate Littlewood

Historic Buildings Officer: David Pitcher

Portfolio Holder - Sports, Arts & Open Space: Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds



High Ash Farm, Caistor St Edmund

An exceptional farm-management project which includes the provision of high quality permissive access, the planting of three new areas of native woodland, large fallow plots for hares and nesting lapwing and quantities of other environmental initiatives.

Project Manager: Chris Skinner

Advisor: Emily Swann (Natural England)

Technical Advisor: Peter Walker

Project Designer: Richard McMullen (FWAG)

Contributor: Stephanie Laurence



A Natural History of the Catfield Hall Estate (publication)

An extensive research project which documents the biodiversity of the 122-hectare Catfield Hall Estate. The publication aims to bring to wider attention the richness of the Norfolk countryside and the benefit of sympathetic management in maintaining or enhancing biodiversity.

Research: (The Research Committee of) the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society

Owner of Catfield Hall Estate: Mr Tim Harris



White House Orchard, Walpole Highway

A one-acre orchard comprising a mix of apple, pear and cherry trees. A wide range of local, rare and heritage varieties of apples have been grafted on some of the trees and the fruit from these is used for apple day displays and identification. The orchard is used to deliver traditional orchard management workshops and other biodiversity events.

Owners: Bob Lever and Fraser Goulding

Project Manager: Gerry Barnes (Norfolk County Council)



The Tiffey Trails at Wymondham

A project which uses the arts as a medium for protecting and promoting the River Tiffey valley. An extensive series of events, promotional material and practical improvements for walkers has proved popular with residents and visitors to the town.

Project Co-ordinators: Wymondham Arts Forum



EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



Fairhaven School Garden & Gardening Programme, South Walsham
A collaborative project between the school, its pupils and parents, and the local community. The project has developed the gardens of Fairhaven School to encourage children to learn about gardening and the rural area in which they live.

Headteacher: Mrs Fearn
Chair of Governors: Christine Futter
Key Contributor: Edna Mallett



School Grounds Development at Garboldisham CE VC Primary School
Staff, parents and pupils at Garboldisham School have worked together on this project which includes the planting of native hedging and trees, the creation of a wild area with a pond and dipping platform and most recently, the planting of a 30-tree orchard.

Headteacher: Alice Hemmings
Project Co-ordinator: Alison Nightingale
Chair of Governors: Mary Feakes
Grounds Advisor: Pete Chambers (NORSE)



How Hill Living Marshes Project, Ludham
A project which focuses on the problems of managing reed beds for biodiversity. It features a traditional, wooden, thatched, building, which provides a home for a collection of bygone marsh tools, and as an education base.

Owners: The How Hill Trust



Litter Education in Breckland
A wide-ranging education project for schools and youth groups which highlights to children the dangers of litter to wildlife and its impact on the countryside. Practical litter-picking, education events and promotional activities revolve around an environmental mascot 'Spike the hedgehog' which has been created specifically for the project.

Project Co-ordinator: Michelle King (Breckland Council)



Targetfollow are extremely proud to support the work of the Norfolk branch of CPRE in protecting and enhancing our local environment.

Founded in 1992, Targetfollow is a leading property investment, development and management company specialising in city centre opportunities. Since its formation, the Company has grown by acquiring and upgrading its city centre portfolio, with the help of its affiliated companies of RCP Parking and Targetspace.

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Targetfollow has recently gained planning permission for two new schemes in Norwich. The Duke's Wharf project will regenerate the former Eastern Electricity site into a vibrant mixed use scheme comprising offices, restaurants and cafes together with a new riverside walk, public courtyard and sculpture garden. Consent has also been achieved for Harford Place in Hall Road which will include new shops, restaurants, cafes, a food store and offices. There will also be a community arts centre, leisure facilities and a new public square.

We are delighted to sponsor the 2009 CPRE Norfolk Awards and we congratulate all those entries who have been nominated for delivering their outstanding projects. All these schemes will help to preserve and enhance the unique character and heritage of Norfolk. Targetfollow is delighted to be associated with the CPRE and in supporting the hard working Norfolk branch in their drive to protect our local environment.



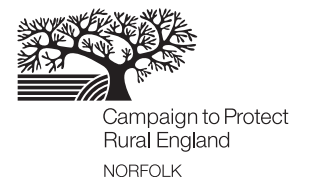
The Norfolk branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE Norfolk) is a registered charity, a membership network and a voluntary organisation. The branch was founded in 1933 and celebrated its 75th Anniversary last year.

CPRE campaigns for a sustainable future for the English countryside; a vital but undervalued environmental, economic and social asset to the nation. We highlight threats and promote positive solutions. Our in-depth research supports active campaigning, and through reasoned argument and lobbying we seek to influence public opinion and decision-makers at every level. CPRE led the campaign to create the town and country planning system, National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and Green Belts.

The CPRE Norfolk Awards scheme is one of Norfolk's longest running Awards schemes, founded in 1979, and provides an opportunity for CPRE to highlight examples of best practice in the countryside and be forward looking. Awards are given on merit for environmental and architectural projects that have made a significant contribution to the quality of the landscape and rural life over the past year. The scheme is very broad based with entries coming from a variety of sources. Historic restoration projects, barn conversions, innovative new building design, landscape management projects and countryside access improvements are all considered. Awards are also given to schools that engage children with the natural environment.

In 2009, the judging panel was Martin Walton, Nancy Legg, Michael Reynolds and Caroline Davison. For more information about this year's winning projects, or to enter a project for consideration in future years please visit www.cprenorfolk.org.uk/awards

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