



...providing an opportunity for businesses and organisations in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to celebrate and share their achievements in sustainable business practice.

Could you be one of them?

Encouraging and promoting a sustainable approach to business in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight through celebrating excellence, significant achievement and the dissemination of best practice.



The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Awards provide an opportunity for businesses and organisations in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to celebrate and disseminate their achievements in sustainable business practice.

What are the Sustainable Business Awards and what exactly do we mean by Sustainable Business?

- economically viable
- environmentally responsible and demonstrates natural resource efficiency
- socially responsible and linking with the community
- demonstrating strong leadership and management

A sustainable business is one that considers all of these elements. It integrates economic, social and environmental objectives, both in its internal operations and in pursuit of its business activities.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Awards play a major part in the Business Environment Forum's annual development programme encouraging businesses to incorporate the three elements of sustainability – economic, social and environmental – into their practices.

The objectives of the Awards are:

- to celebrate outstanding performance by businesses and other organisations in contributing to sustainable development.
- to highlight specific examples of achievement and best practice to encourage businesses and other organisations to adopt a sustainable approach to their operations in one or more key areas.

Who can apply?

The Awards are open to all Small, Medium and Large Businesses (in whole or in part), Public Sector organisations and Social Enterprises (in whole or in part). All applicants must be based in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight.

The Awards

There are six categories of the Sustainable Business Awards. In addition, the judges have the discretion to make a 'thematic' Award for special achievement in any one of the criteria areas listed or any other area they deem appropriate – separate entries are not required.

The judges may also recognise the outstanding achievements of a nominated individual within a business.



*Sandy Balls Holiday Park
Overall Winner 2004
Medium Business Category, Winner 2004*

THE AWARD CATEGORIES

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| ■ Small Business Up to 50 employees | ■ Public Sector Any size |
| ■ Medium Business 51 to 250 employees | ■ Social Enterprise Any size |
| ■ Large Business 251 employees and above | ■ Environmental Innovation & Technology Up to 250 employees |

DISCRETIONARY THEMATIC AWARDS

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| • resource efficiency e.g.
– water conservation
– energy efficiency
– waste minimisation | • rural business
• supply chain management
• sustainable design & construction
• sustainable transport
• biodiversity | • skills development
• innovation
• leadership
• diversity
• sustainable energy |
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Entry Details:

- To apply for the awards, please complete and return the enclosed application form before the entry deadline to the address overleaf.
- Applications received after 24 June 2005 will not be considered for the current year's Awards.
- All applications will be acknowledged by e-mail within 10 days of receipt. Please contact us if you do not receive confirmation.
- Applications will be judged against the criteria set out in the Information for Applicants leaflet.
- Please refer to the enclosed 'Information for Applicants' when completing the application form. Alternatively, download the application form and additional information from www.egeneration.co.uk/hants
- Upon receipt of your application, entries will be shortlisted based on the information supplied.
- For shortlisted entries, assessment visits will take place from the 20th July to the 7th September, subject to prior arrangement.

AWARDS TIMETABLE

Entry deadline	24 June 2005	Judging completed	10 October 2005
Short listing completed	14 July 2005	Awards presentation	9 November 2005
Visits	20 July - 7 September 2005		



*Hillier Nurseries
Large Business Category, Winner 2004*



The winners of the Small, Medium and Large Business and Social Enterprise categories will be nominated on to the South East Regional Awards organised by SEEDA.



*Seek-it Ltd
Small Business Category Winner 2004*

Terms and Conditions:

1. For the purposes of these awards, a business is defined as a sole trader, a partnership or a company registered in the UK with Companies House. It may be set up as a profit-making or as a not-for-profit enterprise.
2. For the purposes of these awards, a Social Enterprise is defined as an organisation that must obtain 50% or more of its income from trade and must make an impact on the social, environmental and economic bottom line of the region.
3. The Winners of the Small, Medium and Large Business categories and the Social Enterprise category will be nominated on to the South East Sustainable Business Awards organised by SEEDA.
4. The Judges' decision is final.
5. Only the information that is provided with the application and gathered by the Assessors during their visit will provide the basis of the information for the Judging Panel and for the development of the case studies. No additional information will be accepted or used after the Assessors visit.
6. The Case Studies and Photographs of the Winners and Runners-up of the separate categories will be used in publicity materials to promote the awards and good business practice.



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