

Campaign to Protect Rural England NORFOLK

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CELEBRATION NIGHT LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS

It was a hugely successful event at the Assembly House on November 1st, attended by distinguished guests such as the National Chairman of CPRE Sir Nigel Thompson, Lady Laurel Walpole and Nicholas de Bazille Corbin MBE. We were celebrating 25 years of the CPRE Norfolk Awards; the oldest running environmental awards scheme in the county; and also launching a commemorative book about the scheme.

The word was positive....and so was the theme. Branch chairman John Sansby and National Chairman, Sir Nigel Thompson, made the point to an audience of over 100 people who came along for the celebration.

"These awards show clearly that CPRE Norfolk has a great appreciation for much of the good work that is going on in the county," said Sir Nigel, who had a distinguished career as a chartered architect with Ove Arup and Partners. "This is very positive and encouraging and shows that we are not always taking a negative stance."

"We need to promote good design. Too much of the countryside is being covered by what I would call 'builders' designs and yet tonight we have seen that it can be imaginative and exciting."

He was referring to Jeremy Stacey's 2001 award-winning design for Juniper House at King's Lynn and the development work of John Carrick, a winner in 1983 and 1987, who has revived and rebuilt many of the redundant farm buildings and houses on his 720 acre farm at Swanton Morley.

"I am really a frustrated builder," said John. "I like bringing buildings back to life. Just like the CPRE I want to do something that is positive because there is so much mediocrity around us."

Other speakers were Judy Tree, a teacher at Colby Primary School, North Walsham, who gave an impressive progress report on the environmental projects which earned the school a CPRE Norfolk Award in 2002. Today this eco-friendly school has a gardening club, a greenhouse, keeps chickens, grows vegetables, uses a wormery and even has a small wind turbine.

Christopher Grey-Wilson gave the audience an up-to-date report on Kenninghall Community Wood which won its Award in 2002. Hundreds of trees have been planted, many from seed, and the woodland site has been expanded. It is now showing signs of maturity with some of the trees reaching well over 12 ft.



At the end of the evening Sir Nigel Thompson presented gifts of David Austen Roses to the long-standing judges of the scheme Martin Walton and Nancy Legg.

They were joined by architectural judge David Thompson and all were congratulated for their incredible passion and dedication in raising the status of the CPRE Norfolk Awards to its respected position in the Norfolk rural calendar.

To find out which Norfolk projects have been recognised in the CPRE Norfolk Awards 2005, please turn to page four.

CPRE Norfolk Architectural & Environmental Awards 2005.

- 1. A New Visitor Centre at Sheringham Park for the National Trust. Architect: Tom Ground, CAM Architects.
- 2 The Cromer Promenade Enhancement Scheme, by North Norfolk District Council. Architect: Shaun Ruffles. Artist: David Ward.
- 3 Restoration of the Signal Box at the Royal Station, Wolferton. Owner & Restorer: Richard Brown.
- 4 Restoration & Addition to a Cottage and its Outbuildings at Tibenham.
 Owner & Restorer: Richard Walton.
- 5 A New Ternery Hut on Scolt Head Island for English Nature.
 Architect: Paul Lucas of Lucas Hickman Smith.
- 6. "Ralphs", Plumstead: A Low-Energy Ecologically Designed House. Owners: George Owen & Jayne Cooper. Architect: Andrew Court RIBA.
- 7. "Dragonflies", Little Snoring: Conversion of a Cart-shed to an Energy EEfficient Dwell ing, & Management of a County Wildlife Site.
 - Owners: John & Cilla Bowns.
- Conversion of a Redundant Church Hall to a Holiday Cottage, at Wilby.
 Owners: Mr.& Mrs. John Salisbury.
 Architect: David Cummings RIBA.
- 9 "Cedar House", a New Low-Energy Timber Construction House at North Elmham. Architect: Anthony Hudson RIBA. Owner: Mr.Paul Gyseman.
- 10. "The Boathouse", a New Timber & Thatched Lakeside Pavilion in Gunton Park. Architect: Matthew Hollingshead RIBA of Purcell Miller & Tritton.
- 11. The New Energy Efficient Community Centre at Swaffham. Architect: Jeremy Stacey Architects. Owners: The Iceni Partnership.

- 12. Restoration of Downham Market Station, & Conversion to a Café, Shop & Post Office. Entrant: Mr. Andrew Archibald.
- 13. "Mulberry Barn", Langmere:
 A Contemporary House in a Rural Setting,
 Specifically Designed For Wheelchair Use.
 Architect: John Weston RIBA, of Fielden &
 Mawson.
 Owners: Mark & Helen Jennings.
- 14. Wells Primary & Nursery School: Creation of an Imaginative Environmental Transformation of the Whole School Grounds.

 Designed by The Fairylands Trust.
 This School Receives "The Jock Raffe Award".
- Howard Junior School, King's Lynn: Creation of an Interesting & Varied School Environmental Garden. This School Receives "The Jock Raffe Award".
- 16. The Ethel Tipple School, King's Lynn: Creation of a Wildlife Garden & Outdoor Classroom, with the Children's Involvement.

 This School Receives "The Bill Young Award".
- 17. The Norwich Fringe Health Walks: Creation of a Series of Fifteen Short "Health Walks" around Norwich Created by Norfolk County Council & Other Organisations.
- 18. "Wherryman's Way": a 35 Mile Recreational Riverside Walking & Cycling Route from Norwich to Great Yarmouth, Created by Norfolk County Council & Other Organisations.
- 19. Creation & Management of a Large Nature Reserve at Bradfield Hall Farm by Hugh & Jane Alston.
- Creation of an Organic Garden and Orchard, & Environmental Management of the whole grounds of The Ecotech Centre, Swaffham.

CPRE Norfolk Lighting Award:

Environmental Lighting of Waste Recycling Sites in Norfolk by "Norfolk County Council", "The Waste Recycling Group, Thetford", and "Norfolk Environment Waste Services, Horsham St.Faiths."

