



Protecting the past, shaping the future

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Society to award those making outstanding impact on Suffolk's environment

A prestigious awards scheme is being launched to celebrate those making an outstanding contribution to the county's environment and sustainability.

The Suffolk Preservation Society is launching the Award for a Better Environment in the spring and is now seeking nominees in three separate categories.

Last year, the Society run the much publicised Worst of the East competition, which sought out buildings that made a negative impact on the Suffolk landscape.

This year, the Society wants to showcase the other side of the coin by celebrating the positive contributions made in Suffolk.

The three award categories are:

- **The Duke of Grafton Prize - for exemplary work to protect or enhance the historic built heritage.**
Eligible schemes include work which has improved, enhanced or preserved listed or historic buildings and structures. Works that have improved the appearance of a conservation area would also be eligible.
- **The Alfred Willams Prize – for modern buildings or extensions of distinction and excellence.**
Building structures of all uses, including residential, commercial, recreational, industrial and bridges are eligible to enter this category.
- **The EADT Prize – for exemplary work to manage, protect or enhance the countryside or coastline.**
Individuals, organisations and statutory bodies that have carried out work to manage and protect the countryside.

The awards are being supported by all the district and borough councils in the county, including Waveney District Council who have provided financial assistance towards the scheme.

SPS Director Richard Ward said: "Last year we run the Worst of the East awards, which were fun, but also made a serious point that the county's environment could be damaged if great care is not taken.

"This year we want to celebrate the positive contributions to show what can be achieved when schemes are developed with a little bit of care, sensitivity and imagination.

"These awards will only be given to those schemes which have demonstrated an outstanding attention to sustainability and improving Suffolk's environment and heritage."

Prizes totalling £2,500 will be awarded in each category of the awards, which will be held bi-annually.

An expert panel of independent judges, including a chartered architect, chartered landscaper, chartered planner, a conservation professional and a designer will pick a shortlist of candidates before SPS selects the winners.

Entries should be for schemes completed in 2006 and 2007 and winners will be announced in the summer.

Note to editors:

Applications are open under the three prize headings. To be eligible, the works or development must be within the county of Suffolk; and completed between the 1st January 2006 and the 31st December 2007.

There are no application forms. Applicants, which can be clients, should submit an application setting out why they consider the project meets the objectives of the award.

The application should be on a maximum of four sides of A4. The text size should be 12pt. In addition, up to ten before and after photographs or relevant drawings can accompany the application in a j-peg format. Applications must be via e-mail to *adrienne@suffolksociety.org*

The application must also include the following information:

- A title for the project or description.
- The full postal address and post code for the application.
- Contact details of those making the application and their role in the project.

- Confirmation that the building or project owners have agreed to the submission of the application.
- Details of the client's brief or instructions. This must be in as much detail as possible.
- The details of the person submitting the application, their role in the project and their address and e-mail for correspondence.
- The details of all those involved in the project, including the client, designers/architects/structural engineers, other specialist consultants, contractors or builders and main sub contractors. Any important third parties should be identified.
- Details of any planning approvals necessary and obtained.
- Details of how the project was made as sustainable as possible and addressed climate change problems. This will be a critical and influential factor when applications are considered.
- Details of the start and completion date of the project.

Applications must be received by noon on Friday 25th April, 2008.

SPS, founded in 1929, originally worked to protect the county's buildings and landscape. Today, the Society has broadened its focus to help shape Suffolk's future, largely campaigning for sensitive and appropriate development, more and better quality affordable homes and to ensure sustainable infrastructures are in place to support the county's communities.

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