



Campaign to Protect
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GLOUCESTERSHIRE



CPRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AWARDS

**recognising and celebrating projects across
Gloucestershire which are delivering real
benefits for the environment and for people
and are exemplars of good practice
which others might follow**

In June 2007 the CPRE Gloucestershire Awards scheme was launched to encourage identification and reward of projects which demonstrate sustainability and have resulted in significant improvements to the environment and facilities for communities.

Nominated projects are judged by an independent panel under three broad categories:

- well considered buildings – new, restored or converted
- innovative use of natural resources, including land and water
- projects developed by or for the local community

PROJECTS RECEIVING AN AWARD IN 2008

Bourne Mills



Bourne Mills are a symbol of the industrial heritage of the Stroud Valleys. The mill complex has been rescued by its owner and brought back into beneficial use for local businesses. The project is particularly notable for the care and attention to detail in its execution

Citation: For the foresight and persistence which has led to an exemplary restoration of this significant group of mill buildings

Brockweir and Hewelsfield Village Shop



The local community has re-established its village shop and is running it as a community enterprise. This is an exciting new building, constructed in Forest of Dean green oak with photovoltaic cells and a ground source heat pump

Citation: For exemplary community action in re-establishing village services, and for the location, design, execution and management of a quality new building in this rural environment

Brockworth Court Tithe Barn Restoration



Brockworth's historic Tithe Barn is an important element of the original centre of Brockworth. Following a devastating fire in 2006, the owner has fully restored the Barn to the highest of standards using local materials and it is now used for community purposes

Citation: For the exemplary reconstruction and renovation of Brockworth Court Tithe Barn, recognising its group importance with the Church and Brockworth Court

Cud Hill Common, Upton St Leonards



This area of common land overlooking Gloucester had been neglected. Through the initiative of the local community walls have been rebuilt, scrub cleared, interpretation provided and the area made stockproof enabling grazing to be reintroduced and a return of the characteristic limestone grassland flora

Citation: For the management of an important area of unimproved limestone grassland for the people of Gloucestershire

Priory Gardens, Gloucester



Close to Gloucester Cathedral is St Oswalds Priory. The Priory and its surroundings had become very run down. The area has been transformed by the City Council through an exciting landscaping scheme which also helps visitors understand the historical significance of the Priory

Citation: For the exemplary design of an important open area created for the people of Gloucester

Southrop Manor Barns



This important group of barns in the centre of Southrop were sold in 1992. Instead of converting them to domestic uses, the new owner chose the challenging option of restoration for economic activity, providing workshops, an equestrian centre and holiday lets. The work has been carried out with meticulous attention to detail

PROJECTS RECEIVING AN AWARD IN 2009

Arlingham Horse Shoe Project



Four circular walks supported by special waymarking, map boards and an interpretive leaflet have been created around Arlingham by the Parish Council, starting and finishing at the Red Lion in the heart of the village. More people are now enjoying this remote part of Gloucestershire and contributing to the local economy

Citation: For the design and implementation of an innovative project of well interpreted Parish paths providing easier and rewarding access to all members of the public

Court Barn Museum



Through the Guild of Handicraft Trust, a notable listed barn in the centre of Chipping Campden has been transformed into a small museum, telling the story of the Arts and Crafts movement in the Cotswolds. This was a challenging project. The quality of the conversion and the displays are outstanding

Citation: For the exemplary design and execution of a museum in an historic building, dedicated to the Arts and Crafts movement to which Chipping Campden and its surrounding villages are so closely associated

Dunkirk Millponds Restoration



Adjacent to Dunkirk Mill near Nailsworth lay three derelict millponds. Through the efforts of the Dunkirk Mills Management Committee and with extensive local volunteer effort the ponds have been fully restored to create an attractive and valuable habitat for wildlife and for the public to enjoy

Citation: For the achievement of a restored water management system in old millponds and the re-creation of three tranquil and beautiful ponds and associated habitats for the benefit of wildlife, local residents and the public

Hartpury Orchard Centre



Gloucestershire is associated with orchards. A new orchard centre at Hartpury with extensive planting of local orchard tree varieties has at its heart a splendid new, traditionally-constructed, oak framed building incorporating renewable energy technology, rainwater harvesting and reedbed grey water treatment

Citation: For the development of a centre to explain and promote traditional varieties of Gloucestershire's pears, apples and plums, involving a new traditionally constructed building with exemplary environmental credentials

Toddington Village Hall



Toddington has a stunning new village hall which not only meets all the requirements of the local community but is an exemplar in the way its external design and finish fits into the landscape and in its use of new technology to keep its environmental footprint as low as possible

Citation: For the construction of an ambitious new village hall, providing well chosen accommodation and technology with considerable care for the environment, and producing a very rewarding result for the village

PROJECTS RECEIVING AN AWARD IN 2010

The Wharf House and Over Canal Basin



Largely with voluntary labour and recycled materials from the former Over hospital, the Canal Basin, Wharf House and the first 100 yards of the Hereford and Gloucester Canal have been fully restored. The Wharf House, now a restaurant, has information about the canal and there is full public access to the whole site

Citation: For the successful re-creation of the Canal Basin and Wharf House at Over in an exemplary manner of partnership and sustainability

Greenshop Group Headquarters, Bisley



2008 saw the opening of a new headquarters building for the Greenshop Group. The building is an excellent example of the use of sustainable construction principles and methods, and a working demonstration of what is possible using relatively low technology that can readily be applied elsewhere

Citation: For promoting and providing a unique exemplar for the use of sustainable building construction methods in Gloucestershire, now and in the future

Nailsworth townscape improvements



After some fourteen years of effort, a 147 year old fountain has been restored by Stroud District Council and relocated on the corner of Spring Street and Fountain Street in the centre of Nailsworth as part of a wider effort which has achieved significant improvements to the townscape of Nailsworth

Citation: For the enhancement of the centre of Nailsworth through the restoration and relocation of an historic fountain and associated townscape improvements

Saintbridge Wildlife Nature Reserve



Saintbridge Ponds had become undervalued and a target for vandalism and fly-tipping. Then the floods of 2007 overran the area. Following initial engineering work by contractors, volunteers set out to enhance the pond and its margins by habitat creation and new landscaping. The community now has the attractive Saintbridge Wildlife Nature Reserve to enjoy.

Citation: For the enhancement of Saintbridge Balancing Ponds, and for the important contribution that the Friends of Saintbridge Balancing Ponds made to its implementation. Of particular note is the impact that this voluntary action has had in strengthening the sense of community in this area

Symonds Yat Rock Viewpoint improvements



Over 250,000 people a year come to see the stunning view from Symonds Yat Rock. The Forestry Commission has transformed the area with a new walkway and other improvements so that the view is now fully accessible to all. The work has been done to the highest standards

Citation: For the enhancement of one of the finest viewpoints in England with improved access, site improvements and interpretation; and for making the experience available to everyone, including visitors with limited mobility and the very young