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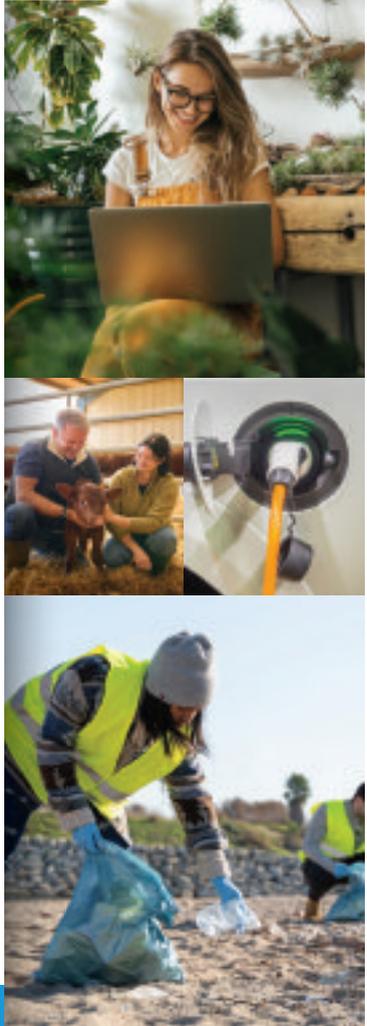
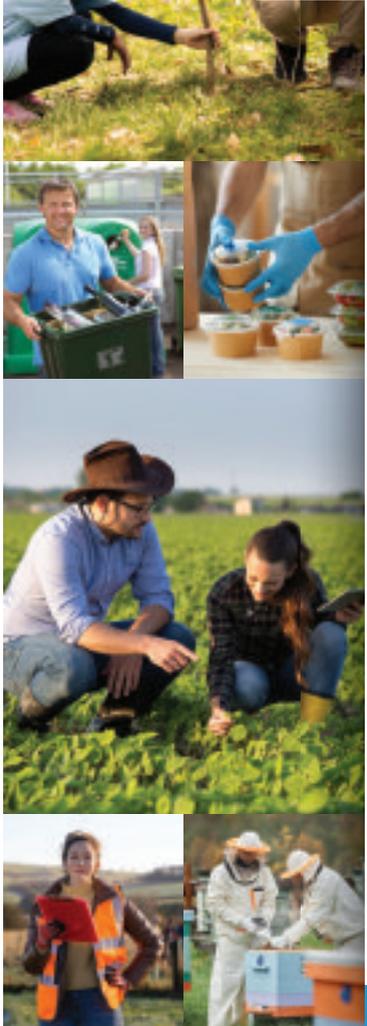
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# MEET THE ORGANISATIONS DEDICATED TO CREATING A GREENER FUTURE FOR EAST ANGLIA

Regional editor Richard Porritt introduces the finalists for the East Anglia Clean & Green Awards 2026.

**W**e are thrilled to announce the finalists for the East Anglia Clean & Green Awards 2026!

These awards recognise the incredible efforts of businesses, industries, community groups, and charities across East Anglia in driving sustainability and environmental innovation.

Over the past six years, our Insight Energy magazine and Clean & Green project have worked tirelessly to support the energy sector and educate local communities about sustainable energy initiatives.

Now, through the East Anglia Clean & Green Awards, which is in its second year, we celebrate the outstanding achievements of organisations dedicated to creating a greener future.

With backing from our leading regional publications – including the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times, The Hunts Post, Basildon Echo, Colchester Daily Gazette and Ely Standard – this initiative shines a spotlight on those making a real impact in sustainability.

From innovative green technologies to grassroots community projects, the finalists truly represent the best of East Anglia's commitment to a cleaner environment.

Finalists have been shortlisted across key categories such as the Energy Innovation Award, Community Champion of the Year, and Game Changer Award. Each category showcases initiatives that are shaping the region's sustainability landscape while also setting an example for others to follow.

A rigorous judging process – including a two-stage application and category judge evaluations – has led to this outstanding shortlist. The recognition that comes with being a finalist reinforces each organisation's continued commitment to sustainability.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our headline sponsor, ScottishPower Renewables UK. Ross Ovens, UK offshore managing director at ScottishPower Renewables



The Clean & Green Awards celebration event will be held on March 26 at Kesgrave Hall in Ipswich. Inset left, regional editor Richard Porritt. Below, the event offers an opportunity to network, share best practices and inspire future initiatives  
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UK, said: "First and foremost, it's right that we recognise the exceptional talent and dedication of those working in and around our sector in East Anglia. There is so much expertise here alongside a fantastic ecosystem of companies and innovation."

"At ScottishPower Renewables UK we are all about delivering a cleaner, greener future for East Anglia – so we're excited to see all the amazing things being delivered by prospective champions."

Special appreciation also goes to our category sponsors – National Grid, Associated British Ports (ABP), East Coast Energy Training Academy, Clarkson Port Services, Cadeler, Ørsted, Indigo Swan, Stowen Group, Cargostore Worldwide, GENERATE, Armultra and RWE – for their commitment to promoting sustainability in our region. We also thank our

entertainment sponsor Tidal Transit, drinks reception sponsor Rix Renewables, charity sponsor Petans, and future workforce sponsor Reagit.

The winners will be announced at a celebratory event on Thursday, March 26, at Kesgrave Hall in Ipswich, where we will come together to honour these remarkable contributions.

This event will not only recognise success but also provide an opportunity for networking, sharing best practices, and inspiring future initiatives across East Anglia.

You can also find out more about all of the winners in a special supplement in the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times, The Hunts Post, Basildon Echo and Colchester Daily Gazette on Wednesday, April 1 and in the Ely Standard on Thursday, April 2.



Together, we can continue to build a more sustainable future for our region. Congratulations to all the finalists – we look forward to celebrating with you soon!

■ To find out more about the East Anglia Clean & Green Awards and buy tickets to the celebration event on March 26, please visit the website: [cleanandgreenawards.co.uk](http://cleanandgreenawards.co.uk)

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# CLEAN & GREEN CHAMPION AWARD

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At this year's Clean & Green Awards, one individual will be chosen as the inaugural Clean & Green Champion.

The judges will select someone who is a leader in their field, who has made an outstanding and lasting contribution to advancing sustainability, energy efficiency and net zero initiatives in East Anglia.

The winner could be from any sector and will have a proven track record of setting high environmental standards, driving real change and inspiring others, not just within their own organisation or community but across the whole region.

The sponsor of the Clean & Green Champion Award is ScottishPower Renewables (SPR), which is delivering ScottishPower's offshore wind farms in the southern North Sea off East Anglia.

ScottishPower is part of the Iberdrola Group – one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy.

"We're looking for someone who is really leading by example," said Ross Ovens, UK offshore managing director for SPR. "The Clean & Green Champion will be someone whose actions help to motivate and inspire others, and who has shown dedication and commitment."

"Above all, whatever their area of work, we hope to see how their efforts are creating lasting positive change for communities and future generations in the region."

Beyond simply walking the walk, the winner should demonstrate a deep understanding of sustainable



Above, ScottishPower Renewables' East Anglia ONE wind farm off the Suffolk coast. Inset top, Ross Ovens, UK offshore managing director at SPR. Inset bottom, category judge Steve Hodger, head of operations and maintenance for UK offshore at SPR. Images: SCOTTISHPOWER RENEWABLES

practices, renewable energy, or environmental policy.

They will also have spearheaded multiple initiatives, projects or innovations that showcase leadership in sustainable thinking, or have delivered measurable environmental benefits.

"Any champion at the forefront of driving change has to develop new ways of working and thinking," explained Ross, "As

innovation is a key component in how we reach a cleaner, greener future."

At the heart of this award is recognition for someone whose forward-thinking efforts have created meaningful impact across East Anglia; this could include community projects, education, infrastructure improvements or environmental restoration.

"It's fantastic to see evidence

of the real ripples that potential champions are making in the region," said Steve Hodger, SPR's category judge and head of operations and maintenance for UK offshore.

He added that he is eager to learn more about the local heroes that are "helping to build an amazing culture" within their business or community, and "supporting others advancing in their careers

as well as their own."

That emphasis on lifting others up mirrors another key element of the award: preparing the next generation for the future through training, mentoring, outreach or workforce development, to build skills and capacity for a sustainable future.

"It's a tough category," said Steve, "and I look forward to seeing the winner named on the night."



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# BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

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## AVANI SOLUTIONS

A bar and cellar management specialist based in Thetford, Norfolk, Avani Solutions helps to deliver high quality pints by protecting beer quality, raising hygiene standards and providing data to pubs across the UK.

The business' nationwide team of 50 professionals works closely with brewers and brand owners, offering a complete range of services and delivering its WasteWatchers! and Beerista training programmes to educate publicans on how to reduce waste, build confidence and make informed decisions.

Its vision is that 'one day, every pint served will be perfect'.

The judges recognised Avani's "pioneering focus on reducing beer waste in the UK hospitality sector".

They said that, "by addressing this overlooked issue head-on, Avani sets a scalable model for best practice in licensed venues – from pubs to large groups".

## BRIDGE CLASSIC CARS

Established in 2004, Bridge Classic Cars in Pettistree, Suffolk, is built on a passion for classic vehicles and ensuring that future generations get to admire them.

The business operates a full in-house service, including restorations, tuning and engine rebuilds, automotive electrics, service and repairs, body preparation and paintwork, interior trim work and more.

It also offers weekly competitions, where anyone can win their dream classic car, run on P1 synthetic fuels, for just a few pounds, alongside a packed calendar of events.

The judges were particularly impressed by the business' Rilee & Friends campaign, which educates on sustainable fuels and recycling in classic



Clockwise from top left: Avani Solutions, Greenyard Frozen UK, Bridge Classic Cars

Images: AVANI SOLUTIONS/TBA/BRIDGE CLASSIC CARS

car restoration.

Its initiatives "foster long-term shifts toward resource efficiency" and encourages the classic car industry "to embrace sustainability and net-zero goals".

## GREENYARD FROZEN UK

Greenyard Frozen UK comprises

two sites: one in King's Lynn, Norfolk, and the other in Boston, Lincolnshire. It is one of the largest suppliers of British-grown produce to the UK frozen market, with most crops (80%) grown intensively within 30 miles of the factories.

Sustainability is a passion of founder Hein Deprez, who

launched the business in 1983. Hein's realisation that waste was generated from not selling all product to the fresh market led to innovation, and today sustainability is embedded in Greenyard's core.

The judges praised Greenyard's "sustained, transformative focus on long-

term energy and water reduction in frozen produce processing".

They said that its "embedded operational shifts demonstrate profound behavioural change beyond compliance", which inspires the wider industry to "adopt scalable, impactful sustainability models for lasting environmental benefits".



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# COMMUNITY CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

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**ALDERMAN PEEL HIGH SCHOOL**  
Alderman Peel High School in Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, offers a STEM and sustainability programme that blends Greenpower kit car racing, design and technology, and a novel plastic recycling-to-product initiative, giving students hands-on engineering and sustainability experience.

Over the past few years, with sponsorship from Equinor and support from community partners, the school's STEM Club has involved students across Key Stages 3 to 5.

It recently invested in machinery from Sustainable Design Studio, which is used in GCSE design and technology classes, the after-school 'Junk to Funk' club, and by the school's Student Eco Council.

The judges said: "Alderman Peel High School has embedded sustainability into its curriculum and extracurricular activities, inspiring students through hands-on STEM projects."

They added that the STEM and sustainability programme is "led by an outstanding advocate" and creates "a replicable model for sustainable learning".

**NEW-U ENTERPRISES**

New-U Enterprises is a registered charity that offers affordable pre-loved fashion to the general public.

Its shop in Norwich's Castle Quarter features a wide selection of quality second-hand clothing, which customers can purchase at a discount with loyalty points awarded for their donations.

New-U also runs a range of free upcycling workshops and community events to help participants repurpose clothing that is no longer fit to wear and transform it into new items.

In the past year, New-U has



Clockwise from left: PSH Environmental, Alderman Peel High School and New-U Enterprises

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kept 9,000 wearable items in circulation and upcycled another 1,500 through its community activities. It also helped 60 unemployed individuals gain employability skills and confidence through its work placement scheme, while giving away 400 items of children's clothing to families on low incomes.

The judges praised New-U's "holistic approach", which they

said "delivers environmental, economic and community benefits".

**PSH ENVIRONMENTAL**

PSH Environmental is a family-run waste recycling and management company based in Rackheath, Norfolk.

The company continually invests in innovation to reduce landfill dependency, improve recycling rates and minimise

its carbon footprint.

In 2024 and 2025, PSH achieved Certified Carbon Neutral status through Carbon Neutral Britain, offsetting 1,179.6 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions via verified global carbon offsetting projects accredited by the Gold Standard and Verified Carbon Standard (VCS).

PSH is also committed to community engagement through initiatives like the Clean Up to

Green Up programme, which supports local clean-up efforts and environmental education.

The judges said PSH is "a pioneering waste management company leading the way in sustainability".

They added that the company has "set new industry standards" by achieving carbon-neutral certification and developing the world's first solar-powered industrial shredder.



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# EAST OF ENGLAND ENERGY AMBASSADOR

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## JOHN BEST

John Best has a strong track record of growing organisations across the energy, enterprise, marine, waste, safety and retail sectors. He was the founder and first chief executive of the East of England Energy Group (EEEGR), one of the region's most influential membership and advocacy bodies for the energy industry.

In 2016, he founded Best Proactive, enabling him to support organisations in unlocking new opportunities and building meaningful connections.

Passionate about developing future talent, John is an active STEM ambassador and the creator of the Coastal Energy Internship Programme. Since its launch in 2016, the programme has expanded from four interns to more than 250 participants by 2025, working closely with colleges in Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Norwich to provide pathways into energy and engineering careers.

The judges recognised John's "enduring contribution to regional collaboration, skills development and industry connectivity", adding that he had "delivered measurable outcomes for young people".

## KEVIN KEABLE

Kevin Keable is an experienced business leader, with a career spanning more than 40 years across engineering, international operations and entrepreneurship.

As executive chair of EEEGR since September 2023, Kevin is spearheading an ambitious programme to position the region as a leader in the energy transition, working closely with industry, government and education partners.

He was recently appointed to the North Sea Future Board, a



Clockwise from left: Kevin Keable, John Best and Rachel Bunn

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national body established by the UK Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and chaired by energy minister Michael Shanks.

The board will act as the central platform for coordinating the transition of the North Sea into a long-term, internationally leading offshore clean energy powerhouse.

The judges were particularly

impressed by Kevin's "ability to convene industry, government and education partners around a shared regional vision".

## RACHEL BUNN

Rachel Bunn is skills and innovation director at East Coast College, which has campuses in Lowestoft, Suffolk and Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. She is also director of the East Coast

Energy Training Academy, based at the Lowestoft campus.

Having worked at the college for 25 years, Rachel's commitment to the region is deeply rooted. Central to her work is a focus on curriculum innovation – continually evolving the college's offer to remain relevant, future-focused and employer-led. This means working closely with industry

partners to co-design provision that reflects current skills gaps, emerging technologies and workforce behaviours, while also building the transferable skills, confidence and resilience that employers value.

Rachel was recognised by the judges for her "exemplary leadership at the intersection of skills, sustainability and community impact".



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# EDUCATIONAL TRAILBLAZER AWARD

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**EASTERN EDUCATION GROUP**  
Eastern Education Group (EEG) runs a number of schools and further education establishments across the East of England.

It integrates sustainability across education, engagement and community collaboration, using the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework.

From A Levels and vocational training to apprenticeship and access courses, students explore real-world sustainability through live projects such as eco-building workshops, biodiversity initiatives and zero-waste events.

Campus-wide campaigns – including ‘think before you print’, reusable cup discounts and zero waste events – promote responsible consumption and behavioural change, often led by an active network of sustainability ambassadors.

The judges said: “Importantly, EEG demonstrates action rather than aspiration, with clear evidence of environmental impact alongside education and skills development.”

**GROUNDWORK EAST**

Groundwork East is an environmental charity working across the East of England to create a fair and green future in which people, places and nature thrive.

It creates programmes that give communities the tools to take the lead and support collective action to tackle environmental challenges.

The charity runs programmes at community hubs including gardens, allotments and centres that bring different groups together, teach valuable life skills, build social connections and boost wellbeing.

It also delivers projects aimed



Clockwise from top left: Groundwork East, PECT – Climate Education and Eastern Education Group

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at saving energy and water, reducing waste and cutting the number of households in fuel poverty, as well as offering training in carbon and water literacy.

The judges said: “Groundwork East was selected as a finalist for its people-centred Climate Champions programme, which works closely with end users to build confident, proactive responses to climate change.”

**PECT – CLIMATE EDUCATION**

Climate Education is a comprehensive, one-stop ‘green hub’ from Peterborough-based environmental charity PECT, enabling schools to take on their climate action journey.

The project was developed in response to the Department for Education’s sustainability and climate change strategy, which required all schools to appoint sustainability leads and develop

Climate Action Plans by September 2025.

The web-based platform provides ready-to use materials for teachers, highlights funding opportunities and empowers students to get hands-on with meaningful change that is important to them.

Using an interactive climate action planning tool, schools can co-ordinate their climate pledges, contributing to individual, local

and national carbon reduction ambitions.

The judges said PECT had delivered “a highly accessible, user-centred approach to climate action in schools”.

They added: “By making climate action manageable and inclusive for all roles within a school, PECT enables meaningful, measurable progress while building confidence and long-term commitment.”

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# ENERGY INNOVATION AWARD

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## CERAPHI ENERGY

Based in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, CeraPhi Energy is an energy supplier with a mission to redefine how the world accesses clean, renewable heat and power.

At the heart of its innovation is CeraPhiWell, a patented closed-loop geothermal technology that delivers continuous, zero-emission energy. Unlike conventional geothermal systems, CeraPhi's advanced subsurface design eliminates the need to extract fluids from the ground, dramatically reducing environmental impact and opening up new areas for sustainable energy generation.

Recognising the supplier's "exceptional impact" in its field, the judges were particularly impressed by CeraPhi's use of the CeraPhiWell system at Scunthorpe General Hospital, which they said is "helping the hospital significantly reduce fossil fuel reliance, cut carbon emissions, and move closer to net zero goals".

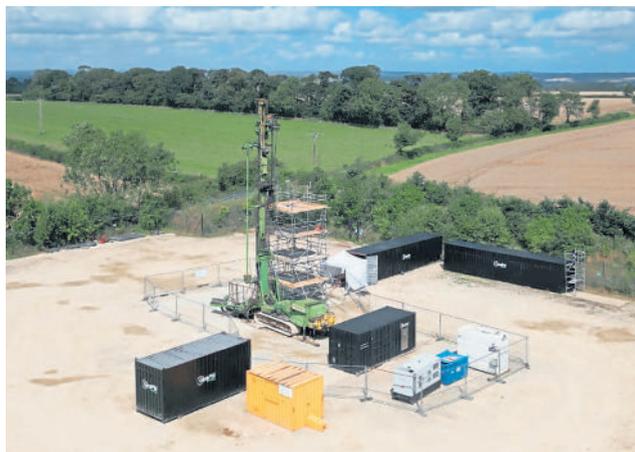
## DEPARTURE LOUNGE MEDIA GROUP

Departure Lounge Media Group, based in Gorleston, Norfolk, specialises in delivering cutting-edge visual and immersive media solutions for the offshore wind, gas, energy and power sectors.

Founded in 2005 by Trevor Fuller as a recording studio, the business has since expanded into a nationally recognised video and media agency.

Its services include video production, photography, aerial drone imagery, 360° VR tours, bespoke training modules and long-term timelapse construction camera work.

The judges said that Departure



Clockwise from top left: CeraPhi Energy, Departure Lounge Media Group, Saxon Air

Images: KARL FARROW - CERAPHI ENERGY/DEPARTURE LOUNGE MEDIA GROUP/SAXON AIR

Lounge has demonstrated "remarkable progress since its early days as a startup" and its journey "reflects a strong commitment to creativity, problem solving and pushing boundaries within the industry".

The business' development of a VR solution designed to help users overcome seasickness was described as "particularly impressive", showcasing

"both technical expertise and a thoughtful approach to real-world challenges".

## SAXON AIR

Saxon Air is a UK-based private aviation company based at Norwich Airport. It aims to offer more than just charter services, striving instead for tailored, safe and sustainable aviation experiences.

The business helped to pioneer Aviation East, a regional strategy to position the East of England as an international leader in advanced aviation technology, and is backing up its green goals with electric aircraft trials, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) integration and research and development collaborations.

Saxon Air impressed the judges with its "bold commitment to transforming aviation into a cleaner, more sustainable industry".

They said that the launch of the business' cutting-edge Flight Training Centre "further demonstrates its leadership in decarbonising pilot training and shaping the future of sustainable aviation".



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# GAME CHANGER OF THE YEAR

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Unlike conventional geothermal systems, CeraPhi's advanced subsurface design eliminates the need to extract fluids from the ground, dramatically reducing environmental impact and opening up vast new areas for sustainable energy generation.

The judges said: "Clearly, CeraPhi has pioneered a genuine game changing way of heating our homes and businesses using the earth."

### DURA COMPOSITES

Based in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, Dura Composites is a designer, manufacturer and supplier of advanced composite solutions for the infrastructure, transport, marine and industrial sectors.

It aims to deliver the world's lowest-carbon walkway systems, using materials that improve safety, reduce embodied carbon and extend infrastructure life.

Five years ago, the company redesigned its products, processes and partnerships to accelerate sustainable outcomes. This included reducing embodied carbon by up to 33% across its core glass reinforced polymer (GRP) product range and launching the UK's first mechanical GRP separation system.

The judges praised Dura Composites for demonstrating "a multi-faceted, innovative and brilliant way of showing true full circle use of materials".



Clockwise from top left: Dura Composites, iBOXiT and CeraPhi Energy

Images: DURA COMPOSITES/IBOXiT/KARL FARROW - CERAPHI ENERGY

### IBOXiT

Based in Norwich, Norfolk, iBOXiT is redefining the global cold-chain packaging industry through a breakthrough material innovation that replaces expanded polystyrene (EPS) with a compostable, high-performance alternative made

from renewable bio-based inputs. Each year, more than 500,000 tonnes of EPS are discarded globally – most ending up in landfills or the ocean. iBOXiT's technology eliminates this problem by offering a single-trip, compostable solution that matches EPS in insulation and

durability, but biodegrades naturally within weeks. The first market application targets seafood logistics, where EPS boxes are the industry standard, but iBOXiT's proprietary material can also be adapted for other sectors including pharmaceuticals and

horticulture, each representing significant opportunities to displace single-use plastics. The judges said: "A well known problem the world over, replacing EPS with a sustainable solution that has the potential to be more cost effective as well really does shift the dial on this market."



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### DELTA FIRE

Delta Fire manufacturers firefighting equipment from its new site in Norwich, Norfolk, which operates on 100% renewable electricity.

As one of the UK's first fire equipment manufacturers to achieve ISO 14001 certification, Delta Fire has also reached net zero across Scopes 1 and 2, and is offsetting Scope 3.

ISO 14001 certification helps firms manage their environmental impact, while Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions categorise their greenhouse gas emissions.

Delta Fire's dual commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship underpins its purpose: protecting people, property and the planet.

The judges said Delta Fire stands out for its deeply personal, values-driven commitment to sustainability.

They added: "Achieving Scope 1 and 2 net zero through significant investment in a low-carbon facility, renewable generation and continuous improvement, Delta goes further by openly sharing its learning with peers, councils and SMEs."

### MUNTONS

Founded in 1921, Muntons is a family-owned maltster supplying the brewing, distilling and food industries. Headquartered in Stowmarket, Suffolk, Muntons' vision is to be the world's most sustainable malt and malted ingredients company.

It set its first Science Based Targets initiative in 2015 and met its goal of reducing Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions by 45% three years early, in 2022.

Today, it has cut its emissions by 56% compared to its 2010 baseline and uses on-site renewable energy to generate



Clockwise from top left, Delta Fire, Spectra Packaging and Muntons

Images: DELTA FIRE/SPECTRA PACKAGING/MUNTONS

49% of its power.

The judges said that Muntons stands out as a "true pioneer" in industrial decarbonisation.

They added: "Muntons embodies determination, collaboration and purpose-driven innovation, proving that even a century-old company can set the standard for a sustainable future."

### SPECTRA PACKAGING

Spectra Packaging is a leading independent manufacturer of high-quality rigid plastic packaging, specialising in bespoke solutions for the cosmetics, toiletries and personal care sectors.

The business, which has been running since 2008, is based in a state-of-the-art, 17.4-acre facility

in Halesworth, Suffolk.

Spectra has demonstrated significant progress in its decarbonisation journey, maintaining Scope 2 emissions at zero and driving down Scope 3 emissions to 770 tonnes.

By blending technical expertise with eco-innovations such as PCR materials and biopolymers, Spectra empowers brands to

reduce their environmental footprint without compromising on the look of their products.

The judges said Spectra "demonstrates an inspiring, values-driven commitment to sustainability".

They added: "Passionate, principled and forward-thinking, Spectra is driving genuine systemic change."

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### REENERGY UK

Norwich-based RenEnergy UK and Saxon Air have partnered to deliver the UK's first solar-powered electric aircraft charging canopy integrated with the SkyCharge Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).

Installed at Saxon Air's Business Aviation Centre at Norwich Airport, Norfolk, this innovation creates a fully renewable and resilient energy ecosystem for both aviation and ground transport.

The solar canopy features an 18 kWp array (44 panels across 85.9 m<sup>2</sup>) producing around 18,146 kWh of clean electricity each year – enough to avoid approximately 3.4 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually.

The judges said: "RenEnergy's Saxon Air electric plane port is genuinely inspiring."

They added that this "strategic and ambitious project" proves sustainability can be creative, achievable and scalable.

### SUFFOLK NEW COLLEGE

Suffolk New College has four campuses in Ipswich, Otley, Halesworth and Leiston, with plans for a new College on the Coast in Leiston thanks to investment by Sizewell C.

'An outstanding learner experience' is the mantra at the college, where everyone is committed to ensuring that all learners can broaden their horizons, aim high and achieve.

A state-of-the-art, aspirational learning environment is key to delivering this vision, with recent investments including the Net Zero Skills Centre.

Suffolk Rural in Otley is home to the college's sustainable farm, alongside other nature-based green skills provision.

The judges said: "By embedding sustainability across



Clockwise from top left: RenEnergy UK, Suffolk New College and Trust Links

Images: SAXON AIR/SUFFOLK NEW COLLEGE/TRUST LINKS

courses, staff development and careers events, the college fosters a culture where green thinking is part of everyday learning."

They said this approach is impactful, replicable and shaping the next generation of environmentally aware professionals.

### TRUST LINKS

Trust Links is a mental health, wellbeing and environment charity based in Essex, dedicated to transforming lives through community, connection and nature, and to enabling people to lead fulfilling lives in sustainable environments.

Its flagship initiative, Growing Together, provides therapeutic community gardens across Essex, offering horticulture, creative activities and accredited training. In 2024-25, 581 adults engaged with Growing Together, with 77% reporting meaningful structure to their week and 84%

learning new skills.

The judges said it shows the power of community, nature and wellbeing working together.

They added: "Tangible improvements in wellbeing and community connection make it a shining example of lasting social and environmental impact."



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# SUPPLY CHAIN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

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## ATI TANK HIRE

Based in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, ATI Tank Hire supplies tanks and silos for short-term, long-term and emergency hire throughout the world.

Established in 1983, the company operates in the construction, oil and gas, chemical, environmental and agricultural sectors.

Its fleet of more than 400 tanks and silos is designed to handle a range of substances, including chemical and corrosive liquids, non-corrosive substances such as diesel and water, and dry powders like cement, fly ash and lime.

Recent projects include The Shard, HS2, Jubilee Line extension and the Olympic Park.

The judges said the company's investment in a separator "has definitely resulted in a positive environmental improvement as grey water is then re-used rather than discharged".

## DEPARTURE LOUNGE MEDIA GROUP

Departure Lounge Media Group is a media supply company based in Gorleston, Norfolk, that specialises in delivering cutting-edge visual and immersive media solutions.

The company's services include video production, photography, aerial drone imagery, 360° VR tours and bespoke training modules.

It also provides long-term timelapse construction camera services, offering clients a comprehensive suite of visual communication tools.

The judges praised the scalability of Departure Lounge, adding that the virtual reality based training packages "have potential to reduce client's carbon emissions".

There is "no doubt" that the



Clockwise from top left: ATI Tank Hire, Departure Lounge Media Group, Radical Waste

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training directly reduces travel for technicians, they added.

## RADICAL WASTE

Radical Waste is a full-service waste management business operating throughout Suffolk and Norfolk.

The company has a dedicated recycling centre and waste processing facility in Beccles, with its waste collection services covering Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and surrounding areas.

Radical Waste offers comprehensive skip hire, recycling and general waste bin collection services, delivered by a fleet of skip and commercial bin lorries.

The judges said the firm's zero-waste business model

"clearly drives sustainability deep into their clients' supply chain and arguably their own".

They added: "There was a good display of broader environmental activities taking place within the business designed to reduce carbon."



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# SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AWARD

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**OLD BUCKENHAM COUNTRY PARK**  
Old Buckenham Country Park, located near Attleborough, Norfolk, is a 32-acre rural campsite centred around two lakes and surrounded by mature woodland and wildflower meadows.

The park provides camping and glamping options, newly upgraded facilities and a licenced café. It also hosts a busy social calendar featuring street food vendors, live music, themed gatherings and outdoor events.

The business aims to carefully balance visitor enjoyment with nature stewardship, protecting wildlife while enhancing the landscape through sustainable management practices.

Old Buckenham stood out for “the drive and personal dedication behind the project”, according to the judges.

They said that “the owner’s hands-on approach and clear sense of direction have shaped a place with lasting benefit for nature and the community.”

**ROUGHAM ESTATE**

The Rougham Estate is a 3,000-acre family-owned estate near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk.

Alongside farming, woodland management and heritage conservation, the business also manages residential lettings and a tourism and hospitality business including a shop and café.

The Rougham Estate Trust, established in 2011, will inherit and manage the estate in perpetuity, ensuring Rougham remains a protected green asset for the community.

By combining regenerative land management, biodiversity protection, community engagement and renewable energy, the trust has created a sustainability strategy with measurable outcomes.



Clockwise from left: Saul D Humphrey LLP, Old Buckenham Country Park, Rougham Estate

Images: SAUL D HUMPHREY LLP/OLD BUCKENHAM COUNTRY PARK/ROUGHAM ESTATE

Rougham Estate stood out to the judges because “its leadership shows long-term vision, responsible decision making and a deep commitment to its community and environment”.

They praised the impact that regenerative farming has had on the land, adding: “Its values guide each part of the estate.”

**SAUL D HUMPHREY LLP**

Based in Norwich, Norfolk, Saul D Humphrey LLP is a B-Corp-certified consultancy for the construction and built-environment sectors, advising developers, local authorities, hospitality clients and estates across the south east on projects to raise standards of sustainability.

The firm’s approach aligns

with the IPCC AR6 pathways and the UK Net Zero Strategy, integrating decarbonisation, biodiversity net gain, circularity and social value into every project.

It also contributes to policy development, sustainability guidance from the Chartered Institute of Building and regional decarbonisation initiatives.

Saul D Humphrey was shortlisted by the judges because “its leadership shows a clear and disciplined approach to sustainability”.

They noted the business’ focus on data, defined targets and open reporting, and said: “Its strategy is measured, tracked and transparent, which gives clients and partners confidence in the progress.”



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# SUSTAINABLE WORKPLACE OF THE YEAR

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**DELTA FIRE**

Delta Fire is a UK-based manufacturer of frontline firefighting equipment, supplying most of the UK's Fire & Rescue Services and the entirety of the Royal Navy with fire nozzles, alongside growing international markets across Europe and the Middle East.

Founded more than 35 years ago, Delta remains family-owned and headquartered in Norwich, Norfolk, operating from a new £5.5m sustainable facility at Broadland Business Park.

The company's new manufacturing site operates on 100pc renewable electricity, supported by a 300kWh solar battery storage system, EV fleet transition and a zero-to-landfill waste policy.

The judges said: "The mindset of minimising waste (right from the design team to everywhere else across the business) really shows environmental impact to be at the heart of the business operation."

They also said the innovative repurposing of products to give them a second life is exemplary.

**HARWICH HAVEN AUTHORITY**

Established in 1863, Harwich Haven Authority (HHA) in Essex is one of the UK's largest trust ports, providing navigational services and pilotage to the world's largest and deepest vessels.

Its jurisdiction stretches over 150 square miles, encompassing the estuary, the Rivers Orwell and Stour, and land and assets across Essex and Suffolk.

In 2023, HHA launched its Environment, Social and



Clockwise from top left: Mercury Theatre, Harwich Haven Authority, Delta Fire

Images: MERCURY THEATRE/HHA/DELTA FIRE

Governance (ESG) Strategy to reinforce and formalise its commitment to protecting the local environment and support local communities. It works to embed sustainability across its operations every day.

The judges said: "We noted significant improvement year-on-year, with a real increased focus on community, social value and

employee engagement."

They also praised HHA's transfer of knowledge internationally.

**MERCURY THEATRE, COLCHESTER**

The Mercury Theatre in Colchester, Essex, has made great strides in incorporating sustainability practices into its operations, with a strong focus

on environmental responsibility and community engagement.

It operates on 100pc renewable electricity and the building management system optimises lighting, heating and ventilation to reduce energy use.

The venue ensures as much waste as possible is recycled.

As part of its commitment to sustainability, the Mercury

Theatre has native trees and vegetation on the grounds.

The judges said that the focus on sustainability at the Mercury comes from the CEO downwards.

They added: "The theatre demonstrates a real underlying desire to ensure it adopts sustainable business practices to keep it operating for decades to come."



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# CLEAN & GREEN AWARDS TO HELP DELIVER HOSPITAL CHARITY'S LIFE-SAVING SPECIALISED CARE

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**T**he Clean & Green Awards 2026 will shine a spotlight on the Royal Papworth Charity, with funds raised at the awards evening going towards helping it to continue its work.

The charity was chosen by Petans in Norwich, which has charitable status itself and therefore has a deep understanding of the importance of social responsibility.

First established 50 years ago, Petans' original objective was to support the petroleum industry with its training needs, but today it welcomes and trains delegates from all areas of the energy sector and beyond, including local authority fire and rescue services, nuclear power stations, the Ministry of Defence, and industrial fire teams.

"Since 1975, Petans has provided safety, emergency response and survival training to the energy sector," said Andie Richards-Marshall, business manager at Petans. "We continue to invest in our operations to support our sector and region by offering market leading training facilities to our clients and delegates."

Petans' first site was in Lowestoft at Lake Lothing and courses were developed in conjunction with Lowestoft College. It moved to its current site next to Norwich Airport in 1985 before fully developing the site to include a swimming pool, additional helideck and firefighting modules in 1995.

Alongside improving its equipment and facilities, Petans has adapted and committed to green infrastructure, with solar panel developments, a water treatment plant to recycle water for firefighting, and state-of-the-art gas and dual firefighting



Petans is the sponsor of the Clean & Green Awards 2026 Charity of the Year. Inset above, Andie Richards-Marshall. Below, Royal Papworth Hospital is the chosen charity for 2026  
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modules and props introduced over the years.

"As an employer and a charity, looking after our community and the people within it is important," said Andie. "We support schools, colleges, youth groups and local causes to share our values."

The charity provides work experience, taster days, internships and site tours, as well as funding and discounted courses to those with an interest in the sector.

"We look for opportunities as a business to support local initiatives, as well as regularly raising funds to support charities where our staff have a personal connection," Andie added.

"Petans does not accept donations, but with the opportunity to be the charitable sponsor of these awards came a chance to support the charity

of an organisation that has meant a lot to Petans over the last year."

Petans has selected the Royal Papworth Charity in Cambridge as this year's Clean & Green Awards Charity of the Year. Funds raised will support the specialist heart and lung hospital, including providing advanced medical equipment, as well as facilitating pioneering research, staff education and improved patient amenities.

Andie explained why Petans chose the Royal Papworth Charity: "June 2025 saw our training and operations manager, Ian Richards, diagnosed with a rare heart/lung condition. This condition required life-saving surgery, only available in the UK at the Royal Papworth Hospital, Cambridge."

"Earlier this year, Papworth's remarkable team successfully completed the 3,160th pulmonary



endarterectomy surgery on Ian, which is why we hope you will join us in raising money to support the work they do."

Opportunities to donate to Royal Papworth Hospital's lifesaving work will be available at the awards ceremony on

Thursday, March 26 at Kesgrave Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk.

- To find out more about Petans, visit [petans.co.uk](http://petans.co.uk)
- For more information on the Royal Papworth Charity, visit [royalpapworthcharity.com](http://royalpapworthcharity.com)





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