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Nine English regional winners announced for UK Landscape Awards 2010



Nine world-class English landscapes are announced today as final contenders for the first-ever UK Landscape Awards, with the winner looking for a place in the European finals.

Community groups, local authorities, charities and non-governmental organisations from across the country have been entering their most valued landscapes for the Awards, and each English region has now chosen its winner against stiff competition from other entries. The winners and commended in each English region are as follows.

East Midlands	River Nene Regional Park CIC	River Nene Regional Park	WINNER
	Leicester City Council	Freemans Common Leicester	COMMENDED
	Moors for the Future Partnership	The Restoration of the Peak District Moors	COMMENDED
	Leicestershire County Council	England's East Midlands - Making Landscape Matter	COMMENDED
	Peak District National Park Authority	Peak District - Landscapes for Everyone	COMMENDED
East of England	Broads Authority	Trinity Broads Restoration	WINNER
London	Thames Landscape Strategy	Thames Landscape Strategy in Action	WINNER
	Peabody	Abbey Orchard	COMMENDED
North East	Durham Heritage Coast Partnership	Durham Heritage Coast	WINNER
	Groundwork North East	Hemlington Lake	COMMENDED
North West	Healthy Waterways Trust	Mersey Basin Campaign	WINNER
	Cumbria County Council	Bassenthwaite Reflections	COMMENDED
	National Trust	Wild Ennerdale	COMMENDED
	Liverpool City Council	Implementing Liverpool's City Centre Public Realm Implementation Framework	COMMENDED

South East of England	Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership	Blackwater Valley	WINNER
	Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Valley of Visions Landscape Partnership Scheme	COMMENDED
South West	Neroche Local Stakeholders Group	Neroche Scheme	WINNER
	Eden Trust	Eden Project	COMMENDED
	Dartmoor National Park	Dartmoor Vision	COMMENDED
West Midlands	Shropshire Wildlife Trust	The Stiperstones - Back to purple	WINNER
	The Landscape Practice Group / Birmingham City Council	Sunset and Moonlit Parks, Park Central, Birmingham	COMMENDED
Yorkshire & Humberside	Sheffield City Council	Gold Route, Sheffield	WINNER
	Wentworth Castle Trust	Wentworth Castle Gardens and Stainborough Park	COMMENDED

Jo Watkins, President of the Landscape Institute which organised the Awards says, ‘We are delighted to announce the results of the first heat of these unique awards. They highlight the tremendous contribution that great urban and rural landscapes make to the creation of strong communities. This Award is important as it recognises that looking after our landscape for future generations is a responsibility shared by all of us.’

Results will be announced next week for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. An overall UK winner will be announced at the *European Landscape Convention Conference* to be held in Liverpool from 8 November. The winner will go forward as the UK’s entry to the ‘Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’ which will be decided by the Council of Europe in March 2011.

Details of all schemes including pictures and map locations is available on the Awards website: www.uklandscapeaward.org

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Notes to Editors

1. The European Landscape Convention (ELC) established a *Council of Europe Landscape Award* to recognise quality stewardship of landscapes. Council of Europe member states run national competitions to identify national winners who are then put forward for the European-level award. The Award has only been run once before. This is the first time that the Award has been run in the UK. Entries for the Award closed on 27 August 2010. The winner will be announced on 8 November 2010 at the European Landscape Convention Conference in Liverpool. The UK winner will then be submitted to the Council of Europe's European Landscape Award which will be announced in March 2011.
2. The ELC is the first international convention to focus specifically on landscape, and is dedicated exclusively to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes in Europe. The ELC became binding from 1 March 2007. The convention highlights the need to recognise landscape in law, to develop landscape policies dedicated to the protection, management and creation of landscapes, and to establish procedures for the participation of the general public and other stakeholders in the creation and implementation of landscape policies. It also encourages the integration of landscape into all relevant areas of policy, including cultural, economic and social policies.
3. The European Landscape Convention is championed by DEFRA, the Welsh Assembly Government, the Scottish Government, the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland and their agencies.
4. The Award is being managed in the UK by the Landscape Institute, the professional body for landscape architecture.