

Press release

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Business Awards recognises Southampton company

Southampton organisation SCRATCH has won the Sustainable Community award at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainable Business awards ceremony 2005.

SCRATCH (Southampton City and Region Action to Combat Hardship) is a charitable company that manages various social action projects that currently operate in Southampton and the surrounding areas.

The Economic Development and Sustainable Policy Teams at Southampton City Council, who sponsored this award, were pleased that the award was won by a Southampton company as the city council seeks to create a vibrant city centre which provides a sustainable place to live and work and they recognise that local organisations such as SCRATCH will help to achieve this.

The Awards provide an opportunity for businesses and organisations in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to celebrate and share their achievements in sustainable business practice by showcasing their environmental, social and economic achievements to the wider business community.

Businesses and organisations were judged against a range of criteria covering environmental; economic; social and leadership and management achievements. The 'thematic' awards were won by companies who have shown achievement in particular areas of sustainable business practice.

Rob Waring, Chair of this year's Awards Panel said "These Awards provide a great forum for local businesses to showcase their environmental, social and economic achievements to the wider business community. Their enthusiasm and good ideas provide inspiration to others and help local businesses become not only more competitive but more environmentally and socially responsible".

The awards ceremony, which took place on 9th November 2005 at the Winchester Guildhall, was presented by Cllr Michael Woodhall, Deputy Leader at Hampshire County Council, and included a keynote address by wildlife TV presenter Bill Oddie. Southampton City Council leader, Councillor Adrian Vinson, presented the Sustainable Community award to Chris Davies, of SCRATCH

For further information visit Southampton City Councils business web site www.invest-in-southampton.co.uk or the awards web site www.egeneration.co.uk/hants.