



The London Tree and Woodland Awards- celebrating a greener London

The tree and woodland awards have been held annually since 2008 and promoted by the Forestry Commission, the Mayor of London and the RE:LEAF partnership to celebrate the fantastic work taking place in London.

"I believe trees and woodlands are good for Londoners, good for visitors to London, and good for London's businesses. Trees sweeten the air by absorbing pollution and acting as sound barriers. Trees can also play an important role in helping the city adapt to cope with extreme heat and flooding. Not least trees create beautiful urban spaces. More trees will play their part in making London the best big city in the world." – **Boris Johnson, Mayor of London**

"The RE:LEAF Awards celebrate the tremendous work of a wide range of individuals and organisations who are helping to protect, increase and manage the tree cover of London. We hope they will inspire others to continue planting and management of trees, so London remains one of the greenest and most attractive cities in the world" – **Craig Harrison, Forestry Commission London Manager**

2013 Awards

The RE:LEAF London Tree and Woodland Awards 2013 were held on the 15th May in The London Living Room at City Hall. Matthew Pencharz (the Mayor's Environment Advisor), Sir Harry Studholme (Forestry Commission Chairman) and John Simpson (BBC World Affairs Editor) attended the event and congratulated everyone in London for their hard work, along with 150 attendees.

For photographs from the event visit [our Flickr page](#). We have also produced case studies for some of the winners to highlight their achievements and inspire others.

2013 Award results:



W1W Tree Planting Project Team with John Simpson of the BBC

[The W1W Tree Planting Initiative](#) won the Street Tree Award

For a project that improves the street scene and is valued by both local residents and businesses. The project provides benefits to local people and those working and travelling through the area; has secured funding and long term maintenance of the trees; gained a high profile that generates further successes.

Commended: [Ealing Street Tree Initiative](#) (Susan Wyatt, Dale Mortimer and the Tree Council Wardens of Ealing), Romford Ring Tree Planting Project (Trees for Cities)

[Friends of South Hill Wood and Kingswood Glen](#) won the Community Award

For a project that has been inspired, driven, and delivered by local community groups. The project clearly involves the community in tackling challenging woodland issues, delivers practical management and demonstrates long term project sustainability.

Commended: Tower Hamlets Cemetery, W1W Tree Planting Initiative, Brockwell Park tree donation & celebration and Brockwell Park wildlife corridor.

The Garden Classroom Tree & Woodland inspired literacy won the Tree Council Trees & Learning Award

For a project that engages and involves children. A £300 prize from the Tree Council towards the project was also awarded. This was an exemplary project across a wide range of curriculum topics with an imaginative use of trees at the heart of the educative process, which continues to develop and broaden its scope for the benefit of children.

Commended: Hampstead- & Lansbury Schools Projects (Trees for Cities) and Brockwell Park

Mark Gazaleh won the RE:LEAF Acorn Award

For an individual member of the public who has made a particular contribution to promoting or conserving trees. His long term, unwavering work to improve the environment in W1W area and engage local businesses and community in the work.

Commended: Gwen Rosen and Ishpi Blackley

Paul Akers of Westminster City Council won the London Tree Officers Association Individual Commitment Award

For an individual employed professionally within London who has shown consistent dedication and commitment over a prolonged period. Paul's 40 years of dedicated work at Westminster City Council has improved the treescape of the borough. He was a founding member of the LTOA and one of the first arboriculturalists in London, so has been a trailblazer in the sector. In addition, he has given his own time to support the LTOA, Royal Forestry Society and numerous younger members of the profession – thus having a significant impact across London.

[Conservation Foundation Films The A to Z of London Elms video](#) won the RE:LEAF Creative Award

For the most innovative and creative piece of work that evokes the value and beauty of trees in London. It is an innovative presentation of facts about elm that highlight a range of ways in which trees, and elm in particular, play a part in people's lives.

Commended: Colleen O'Sullivan's photos of Cherry blossom and St James Park

[The Balfour Street Resident's Group](#), the Environmental Action Network and Forestbank won the RE:LEAF Urban Forestry Award

Deserving special recognition for the most innovative and effective community action to protect the urban forest in London.

The RE:LEAF Awards 2014

Details of next year's award arrangements will be published later in the year, including the categories and how to submit your nominations. We expect the nomination window to open between February and March 2014.

Source:

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/releafawards> Accessed 1 June 2013

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