

# Going for green!

## **Peterborough-based nature conservation advisers rewarded for reducing environmental impacts**

Government nature conservation advisers JNCC have ‘gone green’ – with an official accreditation from Peterborough Environment City Trust for reducing their environmental impacts. The Business and Management Scheme (BEMS) award was presented at JNCC’s spring Committee dinner to recognise reductions in energy, water and paper usage in the past three years, plus the development of an environmental purchasing strategy.

Tracey Quince, JNCC Business manager explained: “All staff have been involved with the scheme, not just through environmental management but also with the more informal ‘greening’ group. We’re not a particularly large organisation but it just shows that with support from PECT, you can really make a difference to both the environment and your budget. And we’ve not only seen the benefit of a reduction in costs, we’re more efficient as staff are more motivated.”

Presenting the award to JNCC, Hugh Cripps Chief Executive of Peterborough Environment City Trust said: “JNCC has shown an extremely high degree of commitment to the environment – not only through their work on nature conservation but also by recognising the impact the day to day running of their organisation has on the environment.

The commitment to reducing their ecological footprint is also clearly evident throughout the organisation from the very senior management through to the staff delivering the service on the ground.

JNCC are a shining example of how all companies and organisations should operate, with true regard to the world we live in.”

The BEMS scheme provides assistance and training to companies and organisations. It is supported by environmental specialists from local authorities, Defra, the Environment Agency and the British Standards Institution (BSi).

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) was established by the 1990 Environmental Protection Act to carry out special functions on behalf of English Nature, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Countryside Council for Wales. They act jointly through the Committee to deliver their statutory responsibilities for nature conservation for Great Britain as a whole and internationally. More details about JNCC can be found at its website, [www.jncc.gov.uk](http://www.jncc.gov.uk)

Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT) is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. The Business & Environment Management Scheme (BEMS) is an award-winning business support project that has been designed to help businesses deliver more sustainable profits whilst reducing their environmental impact. It provides a straightforward and low cost approach to environmental management and is an ideal first step for busy managers new to this subject. The project was launched in 1998 and currently has over 120 registered members. The project currently operates in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire and South Lincolnshire. To learn more about the project and the work of Peterborough Environment City Trust see [www.pect.net](http://www.pect.net)

Pictures of the presentation are available from the Communications Team, 01733 866839, or email [communications@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:communications@jncc.gov.uk)