

# Environment

The judges looked for evidence of a proactive policy to reduce environmental impact. Entrants were asked to state environmental objectives and how a company had prioritised the areas for action



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## **Winner Stralfors**

Stralfors' entry demonstrated just how simple it can be to employ energy-saving technologies with very short payback periods and incorporate this into a sustainable procurement policy.

Stralfors UK, which has been based in Cornwall for 25 years, has an acute awareness of its responsibilities to its local environment.

Noise surveys have been conducted outside the building to assess the impact on local residents and as a result deliveries and waste sorting are only permitted at certain times. Additional soundproofing has also been fitted to the waste extraction and compactor systems at its new factory, a building that was specifically designed for reduced environmental impact.

Its efforts have not gone unnoticed in the local community: in December 2007, the company won the Best Large Business Award at the Cornwall Sustainability Awards.

Some notable milestones have been achieved, including a 52% reduction in the use of alcohol, saving the business over £15,000 per year. All used oils and inks are recycled and drain units within the external goods yards and car parks are fitted with petrol and oil separators.

The company has also installed a grey water recovery system and rainwater is collected from the factory roof and is used for toilet flushes, saving 40,000 litres of water every year.

## **Highly Commended Horner Brothers Print Group**

Realising the benefits of a strong environmental policy, in 2002 Horner Brothers employed a dedicated manager with responsibility for the environment and has since built on this team. Certified as an FSC Chain of Custody supplier in 2005, the company is also ISO 14001 accredited. Since 2003, it has reduced waste to landfill by 90% and intends to cut out landfill waste entirely. It is also intending to move to carbon-free energy by 2009.

## **Park Communications**

Along with gaining the more traditional environmental awards such as ISO 14001 and holding FSC certification, Park Communications has an impressive array of environmental initiatives. Part of its entry was a schedule of emergency plans to cover chemical spills and environmental incidents. Park achieved carbon-neutral status in February 2007.

## **Finalist The Pindar Group**

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