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H&V WINNERS UNVEILED IN PRESTIGIOUS INDUSTRY AWARDS

A glittering array of low-carbon HVAC solutions, initiatives and pioneers took the lion's share of honours presented at this year's H&V News Awards for Excellence.

A record number of more than 1100 guests from across the industry attended this prestigious event hosted by BAFTA award-winning comic, Rob Brydon and held on Thursday 1st May at the Grosvenor House Hotel on London's Park Lane. Winning the celebrated **Gold Award** and setting the tone for the evening was environmental pioneer Adrian Hewitt. As climate change leader with Merton Borough Council, Adrian drew warm industry praise for his role as the driving force behind the ground-breaking Merton Rule, whereby non-residential developments have to generate 10% of their energy from renewable sources.

Other winners with commendably high environmental credentials included CIBSE for its '100 days of carbon clean-up' and ventilation firm Vent-Axia for its Lo-Carbon campaign which secured the **Environmental Initiative of the Year** and **Marketing Initiative of the Year** titles respectively. Green products also featured strongly amongst the winners. A new high efficiency gas boiler from British Gas featuring an integral energy use indicator collected the **Domestic H&V Product of the Year** award whilst the Thermal Store from Evinox which allows users to take advantage of a variety of renewable energy sources emerged victorious in the hotly contested **Industrial & Commercial Heating Product of the Year** category. The low energy Ventmiser CMSM control solution from West Energy Saving Technologies was voted **Air Movement Product of the Year** and the super-efficient VRVIII Heat Recovery system from Daikin Air Conditioning was acclaimed **Air Conditioning Product of the Year**.

Continuing this theme, **Domestic Heating Contractor of the Year** Invicta Building Services impressed the judges with its carbon neutral policy and thirst for on-going business improvement. Meanwhile, the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority scooped the top prize in **Renewable Application of the Year** for its installation of CHP, wind turbines, solar thermal and PV technology in Battersea.

Adam Northcroft, publisher of H&V News, commented: “In an era of rising fuel costs, new environmentally-led regulation and concerns we all share about the future of our planet, it’s fantastic and absolutely necessary to see the H&V sector rising to the challenge. We can make a difference in cutting carbon emissions and we are making a difference. The H&V News Awards winners and finalists celebrate excellence not just in this vitally important arena but across all areas of our industry. Above all, they provide an independent stamp of quality that adds real business value to those who participate and succeed.”

The top prize for **HVAC Contractor of the Year** was awarded to EPS Building Services whilst King Shaw Associates walked away with the **Building Services Engineer of the Year** accolade in recognition of their “extremely elegant, engineering solution” for the Springboard Centre in Somerset. Vietec Heating won **Domestic Heating Installer of the Year** for the second successive year, receiving high praise for their enthusiasm and excellent service. Newcastle City Council’s Jane Bell was named **Apprentice of the Year** and Richard Unwin who graduated from London’s South Bank University and is now at Overbury was chosen as the **H&V News Graduate of the Year**.

In other categories Farnborough-based Central Heating Services triumphed in the **Training Initiative of the Year** for the launch of its own in-house training facility; P H Jones’s Pilot management software helped the company win **Service & Maintenance Initiative of the Year**; Ceilite Air Conditioning developed new guidance for handling Oxy-Fuel equipment to earn the top spot in the **Safety Initiative of the Year** category and Sentinel Performance Solutions scooped first place in the hard-fought **Partnering Initiative of the Year** category for its work with the Liverpool Housing Trust. For a full list of winners and finalists, please see the editor’s note attached.

The H&V News Awards is organised by the industry magazine, H&V News and represents the benchmark scheme for recognising excellence in heating, ventilating and air-conditioning. It is judged by a panel of 14 independent experts headed by Peter Mayo, former head of Engineering at The John Lewis Partnership. Sponsors are the HVCA, Vaillant, Worcester Bosch Group, Riello Burners, Andrews Air Conditioning, Halstead Glen Dimplex, Alpha Heating Innovation, Domestic & General, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, H&V09, Lindab, Baxi Group, Vokèra, Denco Air Conditioning, Potterton, Fläkt Woods and Viessmann. For further information visit the awards website: www.hvnawards.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: ROLL OF HONOUR

Gold Award

Adrian Hewitt

Training Initiative of the Year

Castle Point Gas & Heating Co
Central Heating Services - Winner
Get Training
PH Jones

Environmental Initiative of the Year

Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers - Winner
Daikin Air Conditioning UK
HVCA Publications (Part of Welpan)
Synchropulse

Safety Initiative of the Year

Ceilite Airconditioning - Winner
Newham Homes
PH Jones

Marketing Initiative of the Year

Drayton Controls
Sentinel Performance Solutions
Vent-Axia – Winner

Service & Maintenance Initiative of the Year

AV Technology
BSW Heating
PH Jones – Winner

Partnering Initiative of the Year

British Gas Services
EPS Group Ltd and United House
Powerminster Gleeson Services
Sentinel Performance Solutions - Winner

Air Conditioning Product of the Year

Ability Projects
Armstrong
Crane

Daikin Air Conditioning UK – Winner
TEV Limited, Quartz Division

Industrial and Commercial Heating Product of the Year

Evinox – Winner
Hoval – BioLyt 70 Biomass (wood pellet) Boiler
Hoval – EHRE and EDRE
Vaillant

Air Movement Product of the Year

Flakt Woods
Mitsubishi Electric / Thermoscreens UK
Systemair
West Energy Saving Technologies - Winner

Domestic H&V Product of the Year

British Gas – Winner
Ravenheat Manufacturing
Reliance Water Controls
West Energy Saving Technologies

Apprentice of the Year

Matthew Lander, ACRIB
Ben Houghton, Dodd Group
Gavin Paul Miller, Dodd Group
Jane Bell, Newcastle City Council – Winner

The Graduate Award

Richard Unwin, Overbury

Domestic Heating Contractor of the Year

Central Heating Services
Dodd Group
Invicta Building Services – Winner
PH Jones

Domestic Heating Installer of the Year

A C Wilgar
Central Heating Services
Leakbusters
Northern Gas Heating
Vietec Heating – Winner

Building Services Engineer of the Year

Faber Maunsell
King Shaw Associates - Winner

HVAC Contractor of the Year

EPS Building Services - Winner
Haydon Mechanical & Electrical
J.S. Wright & Co
Space Engineering Services

Renewable Application of the Year

RMSolar
Hazelton Homes
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority – Winner
Dimplex UK