

The Great Western & Crossrail region Sustainability Awards started on the Greater West Programme and due to its success in gaining knowledge of best practice it was expanded to the region. The awards recognise all the fantastic work our teams and supply chain are doing and now cover six categories; two personal recognition awards (Sustainability Individual and Safety Individual); and four team awards (Sustainable Construction, Contribution to Biodiversity, Working with the Community, Health and Wellbeing). The trophies themselves represent sustainability, being made from wood removed from sites on The Greater West Programme and recycled metal and held by the winners until the next awards are announced and they are passed on to the new winners.



The biannual awards saw an amazing 77 entries in total, across the six categories and the winners (below) and highly commended were announced on the 2nd February at the Annual Regional Conference in Reading. We have now collated all the entries into a shared learning book which will showcase all the fantastic nominations and be available to Network Rail staff and our supply chain via Safety Central. The awards have been fully supported by our senior leadership team in the region:

“My executive team and I were particularly impressed with the quality of the submissions received, and I encourage everyone to have a look at these initiatives for ideas on how to support sustainability on the region’s programmes, projects and sites.”

Robbie Burns, Regional Director, February 2017

By involving our supply chain in judging the individual recognition awards through our SHEL meeting and using external judges on some of the categories we have generated interest from the wider rail industry. We had RSSB on the panel for Sustainable Construction award, Kew Gardens on the panel for Contribution to Biodiversity and Association for Community Rail Partnerships on the panel for working with the community. The route have expressed interest in joining with us for the next awards and the RSSB have requested to share the initiatives of the winners and highly commended submissions with TOC and DfT communities.

The next awards will open in May with the winners to be announced at our World Environment Day Conference and , as a region, we look forward to seeing more fantastic entries.

Sustainability Individual:

Paul Taylor (BAM Nuttall)



Safety Individual:

Brad James, Network Rail

Sustainable Construction:

Costain Officer's Meadow,
Crossrail Anglia



Contribution to Biodiversity:

ABC Electrification, Lliswerry
Pond Improvements



Working with the Community:

Network Rail, Costain, Skanska JV Science Club

Health and Wellbeing:

Network Rail, Lands End to
John O'Groats Challenge