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Sussex Countryside Awards Winners Announced

The Countryside Charity, CPRE Sussex has honoured the county's countryside heroes at its first ever virtual awards ceremony held on Zoom last night (Oct 14).

Among those to receive top awards at the giant virtual gathering were: two village shops for their work during the Covid-19 Lockdown; a land co-operative in East Sussex and a group of South Downs farmers who are connecting with walkers via a series of unique interactive plaques.

A total of 27 CPRE Sussex Countryside Awards were made – 6 GOLD, 16 SILVER, 4 BRONZE and The Peter Brandon Award for 'Empowering Communities'.

The Countryside Awards 2020 main winners in brief are:

GOLD Winners (for full details please see the accompanying pdf documents):

The Eye Project (Worthing, West Sussex)

Sussex Green Living Network (Horsham, West Sussex)

Meet the Farmers Project (South Downs National Park)

Ecological Land Cooperative (Arlington, East Sussex)

GOLD LOCKDOWN AWARD Winners

Ninfield Village Stores (Ninfield, East Sussex)

Fittleworth Community Shop (Fittleworth, West Sussex)

PETER BRANDON AWARD Winner (by public vote)

Ben Cross (Crossland Nursery, Walburton and Littlehampton)

SILVER Winners:

Cradle Hill Primary School (Seaford, East Sussex)

Beechtobeach Community Films (Arundel, West Sussex)

Brighton & Hove Green Spaces Forum (Brighton, East Sussex)

High Weald Hero Primary Education (High Weald)

Hope Springs Chairs (East Sussex)

Petworth Primary School (Petworth, East Sussex)

South East Climate Alliance (Horsham, West Sussex)

The Secret Campsite (Barcombe, East Sussex)

The Sussex Peasant (Brighton and surrounding villages)

High Weald AONB Housing Guide (High Weald)

Holbrook Primary School (Horsham, West Sussex)

Spithurst Hub (Barcombe, East Sussex)

The Sussex Flow Initiative (Sussex-wide)

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PETER BRANDON AWARD Runners-up

Isabella Tree (Knepp Castle, Near Horsham, West Sussex)

Phil Belden (Brighton/South Downs)

BRONZE Winners:

Worthing Museum and Gallery (Worthing, West Sussex)

Worthing Climate Action Network (Worthing, West Sussex)

Horam Manor Farm (Heathfield, East Sussex)

Steyning For Trees (Steyning, West Sussex)

Last night's ceremony began with a welcome from CPRE Sussex Chair, Professor Dan Osborn who then handed over to the competition judges, Lady Egremont, Dr Geoffrey Mead, Margaret Moore and Dr Tony Whitbread who made the virtual presentations.

"The evening went really well," says CPRE Sussex Director, Kia Trainor "We were obviously disappointed not to be able to see everyone in person, but the virtual setting really didn't spoil the celebrations."

"It was fantastic to see the faces of all the people who have been working so hard to make Sussex a better place to live and work and helping nature to thrive."

The tri-annual competition had attracted more than 30 strong entrants from all over Sussex. Their work is now being showcased in a unique **Virtual Exhibition** on the CPRE Sussex website.

A recording of the Awards Ceremony will be made available on the website today (Oct 15) and the charity's exhibition can be seen here: <https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/awards/>

For more information on award winners please see the accompanying pdf documents or contact:

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