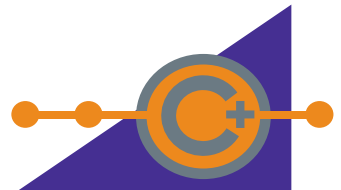


The South West  
**C+ CARBON POSITIVE AWARDS**  
**2009**



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CARBON POSITIVE AWARDS

Application form and guidance:

[www.bitc.org.uk/carbonpositiveawards](http://www.bitc.org.uk/carbonpositiveawards)



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"We firmly believe that the South West of England holds the UK's most creative and innovative green businesses and communities. These organisations are addressing climate change with urgency and are rapidly adapting their way of doing business to ensure the South West's economy is a low carbon one.

Last year we launched the South West **C+ Carbon Positive Awards** to recognise and celebrate the rich collection of environmental excellence we have in the region. We received almost 100 entries and uncovered some remarkable examples of how companies and communities are reducing their carbon emissions and operating sustainably.

This year the call for action on climate change is all the more urgent and together we can increase the positive impact we have on the environment.

So, if you're a business, organisation or community that takes your carbon count into consideration when you make decisions, we can learn from you. If you've cut your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions we need to know.

Share your low carbon initiatives by submitting an application for the South West **C+ Carbon Positive Awards** and help the South West to be the UK's true green pioneer."

*Simon Hooton, Director of Strategy  
South West of England Regional Development Agency*



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There are eleven award categories, the first ten are open to entries:

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE FOOTPRINTS



for organisations successfully cutting their carbon emissions and internally managing their carbon footprint

- 50 employees or more
- less than 50 employees

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE CONSUMER CHOICES

for organisations that have reviewed their products and services and are offering consumers more low carbon choices

- 50 employees or more
- less than 50 employees

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE CUTTING EDGE



for organisations developing innovative carbon cutting solutions

- 50 employees or more
- less than 50 employees

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE MICRO

for exemplary low carbon businesses with five employees or less

## KEY DATES

**09 Feb 2009**

Launch of awards

**31 March 2009**

Awards application deadline

**01 May 2009**

Awards celebration, Bristol

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE COMMUNITIES

for communities that are successfully reducing their carbon footprint

- Partnership/public agency led
- Community led

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE BRISTOL GREEN CAPITAL



for organisations in, or providing services to, the greater Bristol area that are positively influencing and impacting on climate change

### C+ CARBON POSITIVE PIONEER

the business, organisation or community that is having the greatest impact on carbon reduction in the South West

*(Please note this award is only open to winners of the above categories.)*

Winners of the 2008 Awards are asked not to submit their winning programme in the same category for the 2009 Awards. Runners up from 2008 are free to submit any programme in 2009.

The Awards are open to organisations from across the South West with the exception of the Bristol Green Capital Award which is restricted to the Greater Bristol area. All applications from the Greater Bristol area will automatically be put forward for the C+ Carbon Positive Bristol Green Capital Award.



**2008**

### ● Who should apply?

Any business, organisation or community operating or based in the South West that can demonstrate it is actively pursuing and promoting a low carbon, sustainable approach.

### ● Should you apply?

- Have you found an innovative way to reduce your carbon emissions?
- Are you setting a new standard for energy efficiency in industry?
- Can you inspire others to use clean, renewable sources of energy?
- Could your environmental excellence empower others?

### ● How much does it cost?

It is **free** to enter the awards.

If you think your business, organisation or community should be recognised for meeting one or more of these criteria, download an application pack from:

[www.bitc.org.uk/  
carbonpositiveawards](http://www.bitc.org.uk/carbonpositiveawards)



For further information and guidance contact Pip Trentham on **0117 972 2111** or email [pip.trentham@bitc.org.uk](mailto:pip.trentham@bitc.org.uk)

The South West of England Regional Development Agency is responsible for sustainable economic development in the South West. It aims to unlock business potential and manage the economy within environmental limits and is working to deliver a net-zero carbon corporate plan within 4 years. [www.southwestrda.org.uk](http://www.southwestrda.org.uk)

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