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Canterbury launches the first ever Climate Action Awards 2022

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**Do you know a local business that has pledged to be greener and cleaner?
Does your community group go the extra mile to cut reduce, reuse and recycle?
Is your school or university promoting sustainability?
Are you or your household 'carbon heroes'?**

Then it's time to enter the 2022 Canterbury Climate Action Awards.

The Canterbury Climate Action Partnership (CCAP) has launched its first ever awards, recognising businesses, community organisations, educational institutions, individuals/households that show exemplary commitment to positive climate change.

The awards will form part of the 2022 Canterbury Climate Action Festival, running from 23-25 September, which will have many public climate-related activities and displays.

Dr Carl Wright, Chair of CCAP, said: *"Our Climate Action Awards will showcase local excellence in carbon-reduction and innovations addressing climate adaption and mitigation, including enhancing biodiversity. They will play a key role in raising public awareness of the importance of climate action in Canterbury and Kent.*

"Given CCAP's official accreditation under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, our award winners can also expect widespread recognition at national and international level."

The categories for entry include:

- Business – Small & Medium Enterprises, Corporates, Agriculture, Business Improvement District
- Education - Secondary & Primary

- Education – Higher & Further
- Community Action – Civil Society Organisations, Residents Associations, Faith Groups, Youth Groups, Charities
- Individual Action: “Carbon Heroes” – individuals or households who have made exceptional personal contribution in the fights against climate change

Entry is now open via the CCAP website www.ccap.org.uk and closes 31st July 2022. The award winners will be announced at special celebration event at the Canterbury Climate Action Festiva on 25 September.

CCAP was formed in June 2019 as an independent, not-for-profit Community Interest Company with the aim of informing the community about the urgency of climate and ecological crisis, and to empower communities to implement local emissions reduction projects and innovations using partnership expertise and funds.

The partnership works with like-minded interest groups within the district and Kent to help to achieve a zero-carbon district by 2030. It is a member of Canterbury City Council’s Climate Change Partnership Board and was accredited to COP26 in Glasgow.

CCAP business partners include Canterbury Business Improvement District (BID), as well as corporate partners Pillory Barn, Kreston Reeves and E.On.

Lisa Carlson, CEO of Canterbury BID, said: *“We are delighted be part of Canterbury’s first Climate Action Awards and will be championing the business category. The awards are a great way to showcase the hard work, dedication and investment our businesses making in order to help our city decarbonise. We recognize that change is difficult and look forward to celebrating these best practice models with the rest of our local community in September.”*

Sinead Hanna, Strategic Communications Director at Pillory Barn, said: *“We are delighted to be supporting the CCAP and the inaugural Climate Action Awards in our beautiful district.*

“The road to becoming carbon neutral is a long one, and we should celebrate every effort made by the dedicated individuals and businesses across our district to get us there a little quicker.”

To enter the Climate Action Awards, or to find out more information about supporting CCAP, including becoming a corporate partner, please visit www.ccap.org.uk

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About CCAP

Canterbury Climate Action Partnership (CCAP) was formed in June 2019 as a partnership between the Canterbury Society and the Canterbury Sustainable Development Goals Forum. It has now grown to

include representatives from Canterbury City Council, local civic society groups, our three universities, business, residents' associations, faith groups, youth groups and many others.

The partnership is an independent not-for-profit Community Interest Company working closely with our city and county councils, and councillors from various political parties attend our meetings. The Partnership sees its main role as bringing together all like-minded interest groups within the district to mobilise action towards a more sustainable future; especially to achieve a zero carbon district by 2030.

Our aims have been agreed by all our partnership groups and by extension, our residents (via residents' associations), our young people (via the universities and youth groups), and our business community (via the Business Improvement District).

These aims are:

- To support the Council in the implementation of their Climate Emergency and associated actions*
- To reduce consumption and the related carbon emissions throughout the district and work towards a net zero carbon Canterbury by 2030.*
- To promote the regeneration of our ecology and biodiversity and to increase the proportion of energy we consume that is generated locally from renewable sources.*
- To work with and support other groups that are campaigning for a more sustainable future and SDG implementation for/in our district: for better air quality, modal shift, sustainable transport, the reversal of habitat loss and bio-diversity collapse, sustainable land management, the avoidance of waste (reuse, repair, buy less), the conservation of water, better recycling rates, a reduction in the use of plastics generally and the eradication of single use plastics specifically.*
- To support the work of the Canterbury Society and the Canterbury SDG Forum in respect of the above.*

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