

## Vitacress wins 2007 Large Business Award for Sustainable Business



Vitacress Salads were voted clear winners by the panel of judges in the Large Business category at the recent 4th Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Awards ceremony in Southampton.

The judges were particularly impressed by the unique spring water washing system the company has developed to provide chemical-free salads and make best use of water resources. Additionally, the philosophy of empowering staff through communication, and the recent formation of the Vitacress Conservation Trust, has highlighted the company's clear dedication to conservation and environmental protection.

Over 150 people attended the high-profile ceremony which celebrated the finest examples of sustainable business across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council, Cllr Michael Woodhall, oversaw proceedings as compere for the evening. He was joined by very special guest TV weatherman Michael Fish, who presented the awards.

Winners were given beautiful, individually hand-crafted trophies made from recycled glass. The Vitacress trophy depicts a sprig of watercress. Steve Rothwell said, "I would like to express my personal thanks to the Environment Committee, our auditing team and all the Vitacress staff, whose combined efforts are responsible for this achievement and the outstanding environmental performance achieved by the business."



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