

Garden Centre Retail GCA reveal Scotland and N.Ireland winners

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The Garden Centre Association (GCA) unveiled its Scottish and Northern Irish regional winners on Friday 25 September. The presentation took place at Glendoick Gardens Ltd Nursery & Gardens in Glencarse, Perth. Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: "The Scotland and Northern Ireland area awards evening is always a popular event and this year proved to be no exception. It was a great opportunity to visit one of our newer members, Glendoick, and we thank them for hosting the occasion. There were some fantastic examples of best practice and innovation shown in the presentation and there were some very worthy winners."

The awards are decided by the results of the annual inspections, which take place at all GCA garden centres. No advance warning is given about when their inspection will take place and they do not have the option to turn away the inspector.

The GCA annual conference will be taking place in January 2016, when the winners of Garden Centre of the Year and Destination Garden Centre of the Year will be announced. The decision for the awards will be made following re-inspection of the top scoring garden centres nationally.

The full results for the Scotland and Northern Ireland GCA area awards are as follows for the GC and DGC categories:

Scotland:

Best Garden Centre: Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre (GC) and Raemoir Garden Centre (DGC)
Best Customer Service: Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre
Best Environment and Community: Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre
Best Creativity and Innovation: Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre
Most Improved: Klondyke Garden Centre – Mayfield
Best Restaurant: Glendoick Garden Centre (GC) and Raemoir Garden Centre (DGC)
Garden Products Retailer: Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre (GC) and Raemoir Garden Centre (DGC)
Best Indoor Lifestyle: Gouldings Garden Centre (GC) and Raemoir Garden Centre (DGC)
Best Outdoor Living: Gouldings Garden Centre (GC) and Raemoir Garden Centre (DGC)

Northern Ireland:

Best Garden Centre: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Best Customer Service: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Best Environment and Community: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Best Creativity and Innovation: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Most Improved: Bushmills Garden Centre
Best Restaurant: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Garden Products Retailer: Creative Gardens Donaghadee
Best Indoor Lifestyle: Bushmills Garden Centre
Best Outdoor Living: Creative Gardens Donaghadee.