

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

Garden centres scoop top awards at GCA conference

GARDEN centres from across the country scooped awards at the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) 51st annual conference yesterday (January 23, 2017).

The awards were presented to the member garden centres during a ceremony at St Andrews in Scotland on Monday, January 23.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: "I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our winners on their successes. It is clear that they have worked extremely hard during the past year to reach and maintain the very highest of standards in garden centre retail excellence. Our inspectors were extremely impressed with their achievements."

The GCA represents nearly 200 garden centres nationwide.

Through sharing information and its inspection programme the GCA helps members to achieve high standards in customer service, plant quality and reliability.

The full list of winners announced on Monday, January 23 were:

- Christmas Competition (Garden Centre category) sponsored by Gisela Graham – Castle Gardens
- Christmas Competition (Destination Garden Centre category) sponsored by Gisela Graham – Barton Grange Garden Centre
- Environment and Community Award – Garden Wise, Dumfries
- Ruxley Rose (Garden Centre category) – Cowell's Garden Centre
- Ruxley Rose (Destination Garden Centre category) – Squires Garden Centre, Twickenham
- Barton Grange Trophy for Commercial Creativity and Innovation – Haskins Garden Centre, Southampton
- Customer Service Award – Best Customer Service – The Old Railway Line Garden Centre
- The Indoor Lifestyle Award – Best Indoor Lifestyle Retailer (Garden Centre category) – Squires Garden Centre, Shepperton
- The Indoor Lifestyle Award – Best Indoor Lifestyle Retailer (Destination Garden Centre category) – Barton Grange Garden Centre
- The GIMA Award for Best Garden Products Retailer (Garden Centre category) – Cowell's Garden Centre
- The GIMA Award for Best Garden Products Retailer (Destination Garden Centre category) – Barton Grange Garden Centre
- Dick Allen Award (Most Improved Garden Centre) – Langlands Garden Centre, Loxley

- The ifse Award for Catering Excellence – Best Garden Centre Restaurant (Garden Centre Category) – Squires Garden Centre, Shepperton
- The ifse Award for Catering Excellence – Best Garden Centre Restaurant (Destination Garden Centre Category) – Bents Garden and Home
- Weber Outdoor Living Award – Best Outdoor Living Retailer (Garden Centre Category) – Fairways Garden Centre, Ashbourne
- Weber Outdoor Living Award – Best Outdoor Living Retailer (Destination Garden Centre Category) Bents Garden and Home.

For further details about the GCA conference, please call 01244 952170. Alternatively, please visit www.gca.org.uk, log on to www.facebook.com/pages/Garden-Centre-Association or follow the organisation on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GC_Association.

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