

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

GCA reveals ‘Garden Centres of Excellence’ winners

THE GARDEN Centre Association (GCA) yesterday (Tuesday, January 24, 2017) revealed the winners of its most prestigious award at its 51st annual conference including its 10 Garden Centres of Excellence.

The awards were presented to the winners during a ceremony at St Andrews in Scotland on Tuesday, January 24.

Iain Wylie, Chief Executive of the GCA, said: “The announcement of the top award winners at our dinner during our annual conference recognise the very best garden centres in the country. I’d like to say a huge congratulations to all of the winners who have showed they are diligent, committed, enthusiastic and hardworking and are a credit to the horticultural industry.”

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 Tuesday, January 24 were:

Garden Centres of Excellence (top 10 in alphabetical order not order of inspection scores):

1. Barton Grange Garden Centre
2. Bents Garden and Home
3. Burston Rose and Garden Centre
4. Cowell’s Garden Centre
5. Gordale Nurseries Ltd
6. Haskins Garden Centre, Southampton
7. Haskins Garden Centre, Roundstone
8. Simpsons Garden Centre
9. Squires Garden Centre, Milford
10. Stewarts Garden Centre, Christchurch.

The Worrall Cup:

- The award for Best Marketing Campaign or Initiative was won by The Gardens Group.

Associate of the Year:

- Woodlodge

Garden Centre of the Year:

- Cowell's Garden Centre

Destination Garden Centre of the Year:

- Barton Grange Garden Centre

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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