

Media release for the Garden Centre Association

Garden centres of Excellence revealed at GCA conference

THE SECOND batch of winners from the Garden Centre Association's (GCA) annual awards were announced at its conference yesterday evening (January 26, 2016) including its 10 Garden Centres of Excellence.

The awards were presented to the winners during a ceremony at The Grand Hotel in Brighton on Tuesday, January 26.

Julian Winfield, the new Chairman of the GCA for 2016 and 2017 and Chief Executive at Haskins Garden Centres Ltd, said: "We're a diligent, committed, enthusiastic and hardworking industry and these awards recognise the very best garden centres in the country. Well done and congratulations to all our winners."

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 26 were:

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

1. Barton Grange Garden Centre
2. Bents Garden & Home
3. Burston Garden Centre
4. Cowell's Garden Centre
5. Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre
6. The Old Railway Line
7. Perrywood Garden Centre
8. Planters at Bretby
9. Poplars Nursery Garden Centre
10. Raemoir Garden Centre

The Worrall Cup:

- The award for Best Marketing Campaign or Initiative was won by The Old Railway Line Garden Centre.

Associate of the Year:

- Taylor's Bulbs

Garden Centre of the Year:

- Garden Wise Plant & Garden Centre

Destination Garden Centre of the Year:

- Barton Grange Garden Centre

For further details about the GCA conference, please call 0118 930 8918. 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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Photographs from the event are available via dropbox <https://goo.gl/9yaS8e> or from Porcupine PR.

Please note not all the winners attended the presentation ceremony so we do not have photographs of them all. Apologies.

