



Press Release

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Subject: Corby's Community Interest Company on the way to Green Glory

Electric Corby has won a Silver Green Apple Built Environment Award, in the international campaign to find the greenest companies, councils and communities.

This has been in recognition of the projects Electric Corby has in place to ensure that Corby, the fastest growing town in the UK benefits from the continuous economic change and grows in a way that meets the challenges of climate change. Corby has been named by the Office for National Statistics as the fastest-growing borough outside London, with a population that is expected to surge by nearly 17% to 76,400 by 2024.

Electric Corby competed against more than 100 other nominations and were presented by Dr Paula Owen, a specialist in energy efficiency, behavioural change and engagement, carbon measurement and reporting tools with their trophy and certificate. This was at a glittering presentation ceremony at The Crystal in London, a building renowned for its sustainable design.

As a result of this Green Apple Award success, Electric Corby have been invited to have their winning paper published in The Green Book, the leading international work of reference on environmental best practice, so that others around the world can follow their example and learn from their achievement. They could also progress to represent their country in the Green World Awards, and the European Business Awards for the Environment.

Nick Bolton, Co-Founder of Electric Corby, said the company is 'excited and encouraged' by being able to receive the Green Apple Award this year, especially when we have competed against more than 100 other nominations. He went on to say that "Our projects are always striving to put in place services and opportunities for businesses and local members of Corby to continue to grow sustainably and winning a Silver Green Apple Award, highlights this. We are proud to see our projects within the Corby community being highlighted and this award showcases the importance of the projects that we have in place and their impact on the local community."

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Notes to the editor:

The Green Apple Awards began in 1994 and have become established as the country's major recognition for environmental endeavour among companies, councils, communities and countries. The awards are organised by The Green Organisation.

Large companies such as TFL and Siemens were among the very varied collection of 2016 winners, each company offering unique projects and approaches. The awards are organised by The Green Organisation, an independent, non-political, non-activist, non-profit environment group dedicated to recognising, rewarding and promoting environmental best practice around the world. The Green Apple Awards are supported by the Environment Agency, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, the Chartered Institution for Wastes Management and other independent bodies.

Electric Corby is a not-for-profit Community Interest Company (CIC) formed with the support of the Borough Council. It is a private limited company with a mixed private and public sector Board (Corby Councillors representing the community who work with the best of breed from the 'green' industry) with an Asset Lock that ensures the assets of the CIC (including any profits or other surpluses generated by our activities) are used for the benefit of the Corby community.

Now in its fourth year the Community Interest Company continues to work on achieving its objective of becoming the UK's leading practical community scale test centre for new, sustainable ways of living working and travelling. As such it has launched a business engagement programme, built homes without energy bills, installed the highest per capita (at the time) concentration of electric charging points in the UK, developed a new Community Energy service and worked with new partners throughout Europe in significant EU funded research project.