

## Community Biodiversity Awards

**Four exceptional Norfolk conservation projects were presented with the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership's "Community Biodiversity Awards" in September at the Norwich Assembly House.** The awards are made in recognition of outstanding contributions to wildlife and engagement with local communities.



(Credit: Forestry Commission)

**Forest Schools East** - a Forestry Commission initiative - won the Education Award, in recognition of its pioneering work to support the creation of Forest Schools in the East of England.



Pigney's Wood: (Credit: Peter Kaye)

**Pigney's Wood**, a 23.5 ha site in North Norfolk, won the Site Award for the excellent conservation and management work carried out by the North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust.



Liz Howarth won the Individual Award for her enthusiastic and inspiring contributions to the BTCV's Green Gym and Action Team.

(Credit: BTCV)

Rosary Cemetery (Credit: Norwich City Council)



The Friends of the Rosary Cemetery won the Local Group Award, for their sensitive and innovative approach to the conservation and management of the Rosary Cemetery in Norwich.

## Five runner-up projects were highly commended for their conservation efforts:

**Kevin West**, for the creation of extensive native woodlands and orchards at 'Westies Wood' (Site Category); **Erpingham VC Primary School**, for the creation of an outstanding pond and woodland area on the

school grounds (Education Category); **The Friends of Open Green Spaces (FrOGS)**, for their conservation work at Spout Hills - a valuable wildlife site on the fringe of Holt (Local Group Category); **The BTCV Green Gym (Norwich)**, for its conservation activities at multiple sites around Norwich and its active involvement of volunteers from the community (Local Group Category); **Charles Cornish**, for his role in the creation of a large community woodland in North Walsham - one of the first to be planted in the county (Individual Category).

Read more about the Community Biodiversity Awards at [www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news](http://www.norfolkbiodiversity.org/news)