



Cornwall Sustainable  
Energy Partnership

CSEP is a public & private sector partnership working to achieve a sustainable energy future for Cornwall, its communities and businesses

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### Cornwall wins two major energy awards.

Two Cornish based organisations were prize winners at the South West Energy Awards announced in a ceremony at Weston Super Mare.

Carrick Housing Limited (CHL) won the top prize in a brand new category for Best Housing Installation for their programme to retrofit ground and air source heat pumps into 200 of their properties. The Carrick Scheme is believed to be the biggest of its type in the UK and follows the example of Penwith Housing Association which has pioneered the work of retrofitting ground source heat pumps. Both Carrick Housing and Penwith Housing are members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP) and are helping to deliver a micro-generation programme in agreement with the government. CSEP nominated Carrick Housing for the prestigious awards and the Heat pump scheme beat off stiff opposition from schemes from across the South West region.

Carrick Housing's Planned Works & Sustainable Investment Manager, Simon Waters said, ***"We are absolutely delighted to have received this award in recognition of our heat pump central heating work. These systems are playing a big part in our overall strategy to provide energy efficient homes and affordable warmth for our tenants. It's thanks to the sustained efforts of everyone involved that the project has progressed so successfully and winning this award is the icing on the cake"***.

Another prize winner at the South West Green Energy Awards, also nominated by CSEP was the Carnyorth Environmental Education Centre in Penwith. The Centre won the Best Community Renewable Energy Scheme Award not only for its' electricity generating photo-voltaic roof, but also for its' innovative and exciting range of energy education tools.

Carnyorth's David Knight says, ***'Being nominated for, and winning, this award has bolstered our endeavours to provide appropriate energy education to schoolchildren of all ages. It is early days, but we have high hopes that this award will open doorways to resources, and connections that have hitherto been elusive, especially in terms of providing energy education for Secondary and Tertiary Level students. We are particularly excited with the two day NRG residential course we have just launched, bookings for which are starting to come in already! Our thanks go to everyone involved in getting the project this far off the ground, especially all those staff of Cornwall Outdoors, Cornwall***

***County Council, Plug into The Sun, Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership and Celtic Solar who worked their socks off to make it happen.'***

Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership Director, Tim German says:

***'It is fantastic that Cornwall was successful in two award categories this year. Cornwall has now won six of the major trophies since the awards were started in 2004. The vision of Carrick Housing and the team at Carnyorth is an exemplar to everyone at a time when carbon reduction and energy sustainability is so vital.'***

The Energy Awards are organised by the South West Renewable Energy Office, RegenSW.

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Notes to editors

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning\* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- The **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001) and managed by CEP, is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. [www.csep.co.uk](http://www.csep.co.uk)
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.

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