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The range of solutions presented to our judges continues to widen, and here we present a few of the outstanding winners from our awards. We hope that these examples inspire and can be used as a source of knowledge.

Of course, all the winners, and those on the shortlist, have made a significant collective

impact, helping protect and advance our world, but detailing these entries might help demonstrate the breath of solutions and innovation that can be harnessed. From renewable energy to energy efficiency, from infrastructure to data, these examples show that there is no area of endeavour that cannot be made better or cleaner.

As the world embarks on its journey to a clean future, there is so much more that needs to be done and done faster if lasting climate change is to be avoided. Recent events, both geopolitical and local, have presented new barriers and issues; where the future seemed set, it now must be forged. It is therefore more important now than ever that individuals and companies continue their work, and as you read the stories in this brochure you will see the problems and difficulties each company faced.

To all of our entrants, our shortlisted companies and, of course, our winners, thank you. Not just for these projects, although they are indeed impressive, but for creating deep rooted change and shortening the journey.

Mark Evans, Editor, National Sustainability News



Winners 2025



Energy Innovation Award UK Power Networks



Green Energy Product of the Year Octopus Energy



Circular and Recycling Product Award Kronospan



Circular and Recycling Programme Award Borough Market & Recorra



Sustainable Packaging Award Marston's & Reconomy Connect



Innovation Award
D R Baling Wire



Sustainable Fund of the Year Storebrand Asset Management



Green Fleet Award HATS Group & Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



Supply Chain Initiative of the Year Finance Earth & Soil Association Exchange



Partnership of the Year APCOA & AGS Airports



Major Project of the Year KPMG and GoCodeGreen



Water Conservation Award
Thorn Lighting



Winners 2025



Carbon Reduction Programme
NatWest Group



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Company of the Year} \\ Field \end{array}$



Provider of the Year Reconomy



Transformation Award Sherbet London



Sustainable Transport Award \overline{DPD}



Building of the Year Lloyds Banking Group



Use of Data and Analytics TATA Consultancy Services



Cleantech Award
Wirth Research



Education, Training and Communication Award CGI IT UKCommunications



Outreach and Education Award Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust



Team of the Year
Julius Rutherfoord &
Co.



Rising Star

Oussama Yousfi

UK Power Networks



Biodiversity Protection Award Berkeley Group



Partnership of the Year



JUDGES' COMMENTS:

A scalable and effective partnership with good outcomes at a time when expansion in this infrastructure is sorely needed.

L'vs are the future, and with the sale of combustion engines due to banned in 2030 it is vital that the 'e-infrastructure' is expanded at speed. For the airport sector, this task will involve creating facilities for customers, staff and airside vehicles (including luggage carts, aeroplane steps, shuttle buses) in a comprehensive suite of services.

As operators in the transport industry, both APCOA and AGS Airports have a particular responsibility to demonstrate their commitment to the environment by investing in sustainable infrastructure, and this partnership has resulted in a concerted programme of electrification, rising to the challenge.

What makes this partnership, started in 2009, special is the way it has handled the complexity of the requirements - with vastly differing requirements at each site, the speed of deployment, the end-to-end installation to support provision and the added issues of working airside in one of the most highly secure sectors in the UK.

A key element of the partnership is the comprehensive first to third-line support, allowing AGS to focus on core business while APCOA manages the EV infrastructure. The partnership also offers customerfriendly combined EV charging and parking solutions, enabled by APCOA's digital platform, which integrates APCOA Connect with any EV charge point provider's software, monitoring and performance data, allowing AGS to track usage, identify demand, and spot trends to guide future investment.

The results are impressive and certainly swayed the judges: since the most recent project and up until the end of May 2025, APCOA software has recorded nearly 1,000 sessions, providing 16,669kWs of EV charging which equates to somewhere in the region of 65,000 greener miles driven.

The inherent difficulties of the programme, that have been identified and solved in such a competent manner, made the entry stand out, not only in its outcomes but also as a model of partnership that can get charging moving.





APCOA

As one of APCOA's four strategic pillars, Charging sits at the heart of our mission to deliver smarter, greener mobility. We are proud that in partnership with AGS Airports, our commitment to advancing e-mobility with charging infrastructure has been recognised by this award.



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Number of APCOA managed EV chargepoints across the UK



Building of the Year



JUDGES' COMMENTS:

An ambitious project with evidence of delivery against those ambitions demonstrating how legacy buildings can be transformed into modern, inclusive, and sustainable workplaces.

The fourth most energy consuming office in the Lloyds Banking Group (LBG) estate portfolio, 33 Old Broad Street, was saddled with an EPC rating of E, lacked flexible, accessible, and inclusive spaces, and lived on gas heating.

However, not willing to abandon building, an extensive and deep retrofit was started, aligning LBG's environmental benchmarks, such as achieving BREEAM Excellent, improving the EPC rating to A and making progress towards LBG's climate pledge areas of carbon, energy, waste, water, travel and biodiversity.



It was not just the building as an outcome that made it a winner, it was a process too that included a target of 98 per cent for diversion of construction waste from landfill, and as well as the building being a clear success in itself, learnings from the project are being applied to other buildings in the LBG portfolio, from the smallest details of adding stickers for the liquid waste compartments to allowing for additional cycle storage,

One judge summed this up, saying: An example to follow! The project's impressive carbon savings, biodiversity enhancements, and colleague-focused design reflect a holistic approach.





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Building of the Year

loyds Banking Group is the UK's largest financial services provider with over 28 million customers. We are deeply embedded in the UK's economy and are delivering on our purpose of Helping Britain Prosper, by unlocking sustainable and inclusive growth for our customers, colleagues and communities.

We continue to support the UK's transition to net zero carbon by advancing initiatives that decarbonise our economy and protect nature. We have set ambitious goals across our own operations, supply chain, lending and investments to support the decarbonisation of our business. This includes an ambition to achieve net zero across our own operations by 2030, based on our 2018/19 baseline. Our target is underpinned by five pledges across energy, carbon, water, waste and travel emissions. In 2023, we also launched our 10-year biodiversity enhancement management plan across our operational sites, with the commitment to bring nature closer to our people and places.

In 2025, we made strong progress towards our net zero carbon operations ambition and supporting pledges, and met our goal of reducing operational waste by 80%, against a 2014/15 baseline. We are a member

of the World Green Building Council Net Zero Carbon Buildings

Commitment, and other working groups including the UK Green Building Council and the Sustainable Buildings Consortium, to share learnings and work with partners and peers to drive progress towards net zero carbon. In 2023, we led a **Sustainable Innovations Competition** with Wates, identifying and piloting the next generation of sustainable products, services and innovations. This year, we expanded the competition to include four other members of the Sustainable Buildings Consortium, each pledging to explore a funded pilot for the competition's winners.

360 Framework

Our approach to decarbonising our estate, and improving operational sustainability credentials, is captured in our "360 Framework," which draws on industry standards and best practice across nine priority areas, including climate considerations. This ensures, that sustainability is embedded from the design phase through to construction and during use of both smaller scale improvements and large-scale office transformation projects. This framework enables us to take

a holistic approach to improving the sustainability of our own operations, whilst supporting colleague wellbeing and inclusion.

Energy efficiency and removal of gas from the Estate

We procure 100% renewable energy for our own operations, through direct Power Purchasing Agreements, topped up with renewable energy certificates. Energy efficiency is crucial for our operational net zero carbon ambitions, and we have committed to halving our energy consumption by 2030. To do so, we've invested into LED lighting upgrades across our branch network, strategic hubs and regional offices. Alongside, we are also running a building management systems (BMS) upgrade programme across our branch network, optimising heating, ventilation and cooling performance. We also continue to invest into low carbon heating solutions in our offices, installing heat pump solutions, where feasible.

So far, in 2025, we have opened four refurbished offices in the UK, enabling more colleagues to work from energy efficient, inclusive and





The roof provides microhabitats, native plant species and temporary water pools for invertebrates, birds and other urban wildlife.

sustainable offices. This includes our head office, 33 Old Broad Street, which won "Building of the Year" at the National Sustainability Awards 2025. By implementing the 360 Framework, working closely with internal stakeholders and external partners, we were able to complete a two year long, deep retrofit project in the centre of London. The project transformed outdated interiors into a vibrant and inspiring space for colleagues to connect, collaborate and innovate for customers.

What makes 33 Old Broad Street sustainable?

The refurbishment has seen 33 Old Broad Street transform to become significantly more energy efficient, including an upgraded BMS and occupancy-linked LED lighting. Using cranes, an air source heat pump was fitted onto the roof of the 9-storey building, supporting our decarbonisation goals. Resource efficiency was built into the operations of the building, such as through a greywater harvesting system to reduce pressure on local water resources, but also throughout project delivery itself. In the construction phase, a target of 98% was set for diversion of construction waste from landfill, as well as extensive office furniture reuse, with 3,000 items repurposed from other sites of the Lloyds estate.

33 Old Broad Street was the first site where we installed a

biodiverse living roof, accompanied by a bug hotel and nature-positive planters on the building's rooftop terrace. The roof provides different microhabitats, native plant species, wildflowers and temporary water pools for invertebrates, birds and other urban wildlife. To connect people with nature, we installed signs explaining how the roof supports local biodiversity and what colleagues might observe as it evolves. At the 33 Old Broad Street office opening, we also gifted 150 native tree saplings for colleagues to plant at home, to further support local biodiversity.

We recognise that enabling our colleagues to adopt positive changes, is crucial in making our estate operations more sustainable. We installed over 200 cycle spaces at 33 Old Broad Street, along with heated lockers, a cycle repair station, showers, and hairdryers to support colleagues commuting by low-carbon active travel. Since opening, we have continued to improve cycling facilities - recently adding further amenities for colleagues, including hair straighteners and clothes steamers. To build on this, we plan to invest in folding cycle storage to accommodate the rise in commutes combining

cycling and public transport.

Moreover, to support our goal to become a zero-waste organisation by 2030, as part of the 33 Old Broad Street refurbishment, 43 newly designed recycling stations were installed. These have separate compartments for hard plastics, soft plastics, carboard and paper, food, liquids and non-recyclables. The design includes braille writing and Perspex boxes, containing examples of each waste stream, which aids in decision-making to support neurodivergent colleagues and those with disabilities and/or language barriers. By considering the user experience, we hope to divert more of our operational waste from landfill and reduce contamination rates.

Retrofitting 33OBS, alongside sustainability enhancements at our other sites, is a significant step towards our net zero carbon operations ambition. Reducing energy consumption, effective water management and enabling positive colleague practices for waste, nature and travel, are some ways in which we progress towards our climate pledges and commitment to bring nature closer to our people and places. The latest updates can be found in our annual sustainability report.



Green Energy Product of the Year



JUDGES' COMMENTS:

Great product. Great impact. Ambitious and an example to follow.

eating our homes is a major part of our energy use, and a vital part of decarbonising the planet is the move from fossil fuel heating to electric. However, heat pumps have had a few issues to overcome, such as their complexity and a lack of well qualified installers.

Octopus Energy's Cosy 6 heat pump product package is a solution that can address these issues, with a simple and robust solution, and one that has been produced to be affordable too.

Designed from the start to be efficient, eco-friendly materials, and

user-friendly, the programme has already made 2,500 installations homes warmer already whilst removing over10,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions since January 2024. It also has a rather more appealing shape to it that the more traditional units.

All of which helps solves the complexity issues, but what also impressed the judges was that it comes as part of a holistic solution, including its manufacture and installations. Following 200,000 customer requests in 2024, Octopus have now scaled up production for 30,000 heat pumps from its Northern Ireland factory, are training 3,000 installers at three new regional hubs and have already created over 1,200 new green jobs.

The Cosy 6 is just one example of the way Octopus Energy has helped reshape the renewables sector, and for a company that launched in 2016, it has achieved significant milestones in its nine years, becoming the UK's outright largest power provider, but always with its green credentials intact.

However, the judges had to choose one single product to take the title Green Energy Product of the Year, and not only for what it has done, but also for what such a model can do in the future, the winner was clearly Cosy.



Best Use of Data and Analytics



JUDGES' COMMENTS:

TCS tackles one of the most complex challenges in sustainability using AI and technology and has cracked it.

TCS' proactive stance on climate change and work with communities have earned it a place in leading sustainability indices such as the MSCI Global Sustainability Index and the FTSE4Good Emerging Index. As such it has a deep understanding and commitment to sustainability and to the overall good.

Through its 'sustainability-first' embedded business model TCS has leveraged its position and over 200 extensive client partnership to the point where it has the capability to positively influence more than 10 per cent of the UK's net-zero target under the Paris Agreement.

This model – powered by Al-driven platforms, co-innovation with partners, and

upskilled talent – demonstrates how perpetually adaptive enterprises are vital to achieving scalable, long-term climate impact.

In this award, TCS showcased its experience and industry leading tools to decarbonise supply chains across industries and supporting clients to reduce Scope 3 emissions and achieving net-zero by 2050.

TCS built a first of its kind AI led Carbon Repository to drive supply-chain decarbonisation for clients, saving 36Mn Tonnes of CO2 annually(just from one client). Integrating data from diverse internal and external systems, performing product specific carbon calculations based on global standards, and providing consistent data for reporting, decision-making, it became the bedrock of the company's transition planning.

The result has exceeded the targets, but perhaps the biggest lesson has been that such successful delivery has been as much about engaging people as it has been about data innovation.

The work of TCS provides something more than just a measurement, it allows entities to understand where their biggest issues are, and greatest benefits can be made. Making the shift from carbon reduction and compliance to large-scale sustainability driven business growth, focussing on cost benefits, market expansion, improved customer satisfaction, enhanced brand valuation and giving visibility to change.





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