

GREEN AWARD FOR KINGDOM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Kingdom Housing Association's wider role activities and its commitment to sustainable housing have earned the association a coveted award for 'Greening the Community.'

The Green Business Fife Awards, now in their second year, are designed to recognise the environmental innovations made by companies, of all sizes and sectors, operating in Fife which result in better sustainable business practices.

Judges were looking for innovation in Environmental Sustainability, Business Success, Leadership and Benefits for the wider community. Kingdom's submission highlighted a range of projects where there is community benefit linked to sustainability.

Barbara Whiting from Fife Council and Green Business Fife said "It is fantastic that the second Green Business Fife Awards has grown bigger and more formidable than the first time round. Competition was tougher and innovation more apparent this year. It's therefore a significant achievement for Kingdom Housing Association to win this award category."

The ceremony was hosted by Fife Council's Executive Director of Environment and Development, Stuart Nichol, and the awards were presented by David Miller, BBC Scotland's Environment Correspondent.

Kingdom, which was shortlisted in two categories, received the award in the Green Product / Service category.

Bill Banks, Depute Chief Executive of Kingdom said, 'As a Fife based Housing Association we try to put sustainability at the core of everything we do, this is applied to the new housing we develop, along with our management and maintenance practices.'

He added, "We are very proud of the projects which help local communities and we are very pleased to have been recognised by Green Business Fife for the work we do, particularly in the Greening the Community category. Green Business Fife and Fife Council should also be congratulated on the approach they have taken to promote a greater awareness of environmental issues and environmental innovation throughout Fife.'

Kingdom works with the 3 other Fife Based HA's; Fife, Glen and Ore Valley, as part of the Fife HA Alliance and Andrew McDaniel is Kingdom's Community Initiatives Officer with responsibility for the Wider Role projects being taken forward through the Alliance. Andrew said, "The contribution to the community is more than just the provision of sustainable homes and Kingdom is increasingly becoming more involved in Wider Role projects in the community. Sustainability is paramount and a high priority is placed on the involvement of the communities where houses are being developed."