

Rewarded for eco-tourism

TWO Pendle businesses have been presented with prestigious green tourism awards for their commitment to sustainability.

Self-catering business Height Top Farm, Higham, won a gold award, and Barnoldswick-based Canal Boat Escapes, a silver in the Green Tourism Business Scheme, the largest national sustainable tourism certification scheme for the UK.

Peter Mileham, High Sheriff of Lancashire, who presented the awards, said: "Tourism is essential to Lancashire's economy, and it's great to see these businesses take the opportunity to prove their green credentials and help to establish the county as a destination for sustainable tourism.

"I'd like to congratulate these businesses for achieving this award for their commitment to being green, and for making a strong contribution to their local community."

The award winners all met tough standards on energy and water efficiency, waste management and biodiversity, as well as showing their social commitment to green issues.

Mike Wilkinson, chief executive of Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board, said: "It is wonderful to see so many

businesses being committed to sustainable tourism and becoming ambassadors for the environment.

"By doing what it takes to win the Green Tourism Business Scheme accreditation, they have helped their own business by saving costs on energy and putting Lancashire on the map as a destination for green tourism."