

Stafford Orchard is recognised as one of the UK's very best green spaces

On Tuesday, 16th July 2019, a record number of parks and green spaces collected a Green Flag Award

Stafford Orchard Park in Quorn has been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best in the world. It joins 125 other green spaces awarded recognition in the East Midlands.

The park is among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces and 131 in thirteen other countries around the world, that will receive a prestigious Green Flag Award – the mark of a quality park or green space.

This international award, now into its third decade, is a sign to the public that the space boasts the highest possible environmental standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Stafford Orchard is located in the centre of the village of Quorn in Leicestershire.

Cllr Joanna Clarke, Chair of the Parish Council's Grounds and Facilities Committee, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag Award for the 8th year. Congratulations go to all our staff, volunteers and contractors. It is a credit to their work that we have such a beautiful space for all to enjoy.

We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining Stafford Orchard to such a high standard.

The award is particularly pleasing for grounds staff Danny Stevens and Helena Hornidge who take care of the park. For Danny, it is the eighth award in succession and comes as an acknowledgement of his continued commitment to its success.

Special thanks also go to volunteer wardens Ivan and Gillian Bexon, Phil Child, Marion Bruce and David Collier who play a vital role in keeping the Stafford Orchard the safe and welcoming place that it is."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "It's fantastic that we have more Green Flag Awards in the UK than ever before, joined this year by 131 International winners."

"Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We congratulate each and every winner on their fantastic achievement."

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Notes to Editors

The Green Flag Awards Scheme (<http://greenflagaward.org/>) is run by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, in partnership with Keep Scotland Beautiful, Keep Wales Tidy and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful.

Keep Britain Tidy is a leading environmental charity. We run programmes including Eco-Schools, the Green Flag Award for parks and green spaces and the Blue Flag/ Seaside Awards for beaches. We also campaign for the country to be litter free and waste less. To find out more about Keep Britain Tidy, our programmes and campaigns visit www.keepbritaintidy.org.

Any green space that is freely accessible to the public is eligible to enter for a Green Flag Award. Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag Award status. A Green Flag Community Award recognises quality sites managed by voluntary and community groups. Green Heritage Site Accreditation is judged on the treatment of the site's historic features and the standard of conservation.

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