

ESP Press Release

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European Success for New Year

ESP is very proud to announce the success of Sandwell Homes in gaining a European award in recognition of their work within the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

These awards recognise the work companies across Europe are doing to protect and improve the environment. Within the awards there are six categories. Sandwell Homes is the winner of the

Large Public Administration category, which included entries from Belgium, France, Poland and Sweden.

Since 2000 the awards have recognised companies focusing on the environment with a different theme each year. This year 42 organisations from 15 countries entered with the theme of resource efficiency.

Len Gibbs, Chair of the Sandwell Homes Board, said: "The company has already been recognized for its environmental approach after achieving a place on the Sunday Times Green Companies list for a second year running and a commendation at the West Midlands Low Carbon Economy Awards. To be recognized on the European stage really demonstrates Sandwell Homes' commitment to the environment."



Andrew Fletcher (right) from ESP with Anthony Thompson from Sandwell Homes.

The judging panel looked at a number of initiatives which Sandwell carried out over the last year, including:

- Procurement of all paper from a recycled range
- 96 % recycling rate of repair waste on flatted estates
- Major refurbishment of low, high rise and traditional housing.

ESP believes that it is a fantastic achievement just to be nominated for the award. This is because only one organisation can be nominated from each country in any category and Sandwell Homes is in the same category as the Environment Agency who won the award last year.

ESP are very proud to have worked with Sandwell Homes over the past year on a number of projects including the development of the EMAS statement and award submission.

We believe that an award on this scale really shows the commitment to environmental management from all parts of the organisation.

Environmental services include:

- ISO 14001
- EMAS
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