

FRIEND OF THE EARTH

SPONSORED BY: Francis Holland School

WINNER: Lady Carole Bamford

Carole Bamford has been a champion of sustainable, conscious living for decades. Driven by a conviction that humans need to live and work in harmony with nature, and concerned about the impact of pesticides and chemicals on the environment, she began turning her family farm organic in the 1970s.

Today, Daylesford Farm sets ambitious annual targets to reduce its environmental footprint, carbon emissions and waste. Meanwhile, the Daylesford Organic and Bamford brands are built on organic farming, natural clothing and well-considered beauty products, while promoting craftsmanship, traditional skills and natural living.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Beulah

Beulah's beautiful clothes are made using many planet-friendly policies. These include using ethically-sourced wool that minimises CO2 emissions; organic cotton, which is produced with far less water and energy than traditional cotton; bio-viscose, an ethical alternative to viscose; and 100 per cent recyclable packaging.

LOCAL HERO

SPONSORED BY: The Lanesborough

WINNER: Zack Slaney

PCSO Zack Slaney joined the Knightsbridge and Belgravia safer neighbourhood team in 2002 and has been an integral part of the community ever since. He gives talks in schools, visits religious institutions to offer support and reassurance, provides crime prevention advice to residents and is a regular presence at fetes and fairs.

Readers described him as a "friendly face" and someone "we can always depend on" and praised his deep knowledge of the area. Another said: "He provides not only a daily service to the community but a legacy that will live long after he leaves – hopefully not for another 20 years."

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Darrell Girvan

As chair of the Gatliff Close residents' association, Darrell Girvan is an invaluable local presence. His good deeds include fetching medicine for sick neighbours, taking others to medical appointments, carrying out DIY tasks for residents and working at a local food bank.



HIGHLY COMMENDED: The Grosvenor gardening team

The team work tirelessly to keep Belgravia looking beautiful. Not only do they ensure the garden squares are immaculate, but they also work to make them as beneficial as possible to the environment, with features including wildlife habitats, beehives, ponds and bug hotels.



HIGHLY COMMENDED: Hitesh, Nainesh and Sanjay Shah

Newsagent Nainesh Shah and his team at Mayhew on Motcomb Street are a much-loved part of local life. One reader said: "I nominate them for their unfailing kindness and help. It is always a joy to enter the shop."