

MPA Awards 2017



Panshanger Park has received top honours at the Mineral Product Association's (MPA) Restoration and Biodiversity Awards 2017 at the Royal Society in London.

The site, along with its partners, the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, were awarded the prestigious Cooper-Heyman cup, in recognition of their work to sensitively manage the grade II listed landscape at Panshanger.

The landscape has been restored to agriculture and nature conservation, with half of the estate's 1,000 acres being opened to the public through the creation of a country park.

In addition to winning the Cooper-Heyman cup, Tarmac were also named runner up in the restoration category for Cloddach, near Elgin, which has been restored to a mosaic of lakes, wetlands, islands and wet woodland and agriculture.

Atkins, with Tarmac, was named runner up and highly commended in the Innovation category innovative mitigation measures at Crown Farm Quarry. We were also highly commended for our habitat mapping in the innovation category.

Michael Cardus, our Dry Rigg quarry manager, won the Butterfield Trophy for Individual Contribution, and also won the photography competition for his photo of Sand Martins.

Ian Rumbellow, quarry manager at Barham won third place in the photography competition for a photo of an Oystercatcher on a nest.

Martin Riley, senior vice president and MPA chairman, said: "I'm immensely proud of the work we and our partners do to manage biodiversity and deliver careful restoration across our quarries. The wins for Panshanger and Cloddach are thoroughly deserved, and testament to the dedication and hard work of all involved at the site, as well as our partner organisations such as the Wildlife Trusts."

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Lesley Davies, Chief Executive of Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, added: "We are delighted that the excellent restoration of Panshanger Park has been recognised with the prestigious Cooper-Heyman Cup.

"We would like to extend our thanks to Tarmac as well as to all the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Trust who have contributed to the successful restoration of the park, from the Forest School to the many events at the park and important biological surveying. We look forward to continuing our work in this area and seeing Panshanger flourish." The MPA's Restoration & Biodiversity Awards is an important event that celebrates achievement through partnerships, charts the way forward and shares best practice. Exploring the contribution the mineral products industry will continue to make to biodiversity and nature conservation.

