

## Pioneers in Renewable Energy

The British Renewable Energy Association brought together the best and brightest in the industry at an awards ceremony last week to recognise leaders in their field.

Judges at the Renewable Energy Awards selected Cambridgeshire County Council as winners in the Pioneer category, against competitors Foot Anstey LLP and CAMBL.

The prestigious event, held at the Savoy Hotel in London, recognised outstanding achievements in several areas of renewable energy and clean technology. The Pioneer category was developed for an organisation in a sector not previously associated with renewables that has now become involved and created a pathway that others can follow.

Familiar names short-listed for other categories include UKPN, Pixie Energy, Robin Hood, OVO Energy and National Grid.



Sheryl French, EIU Project Director, receiving the award

Cambridgeshire County Council has been developing renewable energy projects – mainly solar, with a few biomass boilers – since 2014, and has been working in partnership with Bouygues Energies Services under the Re:fit Framework to develop projects in schools, public buildings and council-owned corporate buildings. The largest project to date, a 12MW solar farm operating in Soham, is a recipient of Contracts for Difference support.

Lead Judge Prof Catherine Mitchell, Professor of Energy Policy, University of Exeter said, “Judges were very impressed with the Cambridgeshire County Council entry.

“It was felt that their submission was the definition of a ‘Pioneer’ which clearly demonstrated how their expert knowledge is being shared with other local authority areas for wider societal benefit.”

A full list of all the categories and winners can be found on the Renewable Energy Association website: <https://www.r-e-a.net/news/renewable-energy-industry-celebrates-record-breaking-year-at-prestigious-awards-ceremony> (<https://www.r-e-a.net/news/renewable-energy-industry-celebrates-record-breaking-year-at-prestigious-awards-ceremony>).

Congratulations to all other award winners!