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TWIG ARE **TOP** OF THE TREE AT KENT BUSINESS AWARDS

The Lamberhurst landscaping company, Twig Trading, are Kent's Business of the Year 2010. Twig, whose work to transform outside spaces makes conservation a key priority, scooped the top prize in last night's Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2010.*

Twig's Managing Director David Eyre was also a runner-up in the awards' Entrepreneur of the Year category. After collecting his trophies at the ceremony at the International Study Centre within the precincts of Canterbury cathedral, he said: "It is an amazing feeling to have won the Business of the Year accolade. It's particularly gratifying to win this award in Kent, which, after all, is 'the Garden of England.' I am very proud of the tireless hard work the team put in on behalf of our clients. These awards represent recognition of our values as a business and the importance we place on conservation when carrying out landscaping and countryside management projects."

David founded the company in 2002 to fulfil his love of the landscape and the environment we live in. Having grown up and worked on the family farm he felt it was the most natural thing to do.

He quickly identified that his ideal of countryside management with conservation in mind tapped into the public mood and met the commercial and aspirational needs of an increasingly environmentally-conscious society. In the last year, Twig's team have planted 19,100 trees during their work.

The company that started as a one-man band has almost doubled in size year on year for the last three years. David currently employs 10 people and expects to take on 4 more staff in the coming months. The company's growth has coincided with the development of its ecological expertise, along with larger domestic and commercial landscaping and maintenance tenders. Its compliance with environmental legislation and development of procedures has enabled it to compete for larger contracts that previously were out of its reach.



David said he was particularly proud of Twig's education projects. The company have been designing new grounds for Sissinghurst primary school, including performance areas, outdoor classrooms, wildlife walks and vegetable plots.

Twig have also created a sensory garden at a school for children with special educational needs in Gravesend; while in Berkshire they have been building a beach-themed play area complete with a Loch Ness monster rising from the ground, boat and beach hut – a design that originated in drawings provided by the pupils themselves. In Essex Twig are developing a wildlife area, vegetable and flower growing area for a large primary school.

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***Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce website:**

<http://www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk/events/business-awards-2010/>

Notes to Editors

1. Twig Trading reached the finals in two award categories - Business of the Year, sponsored by the University of Kent, and Entrepreneur of the Year, sponsored by Kent Innovation and Enterprise.

2. Twig is a member of the British Association of Landscape Industries, which guarantees standards throughout the industry.

3. Twig specialise not only in countryside management and landscaping around construction projects, but they also work for environmental and ecological businesses, as well as country parks, farmers and landowners. The company's services are also used by leading construction companies, civil engineers, house builders, developers and environmental and ecological consultancies as well as prestigious estates, country parks, farmers, woodland and land owners.

4. Increasingly, Twig are being employed by the education sector to design and develop outdoor classrooms, in line with standards required by the UK school grounds charity, Learning Through Landscapes.

5. Twig recently won a £250k contract to plant trees around the giant greenhouses at Thanet Earth.