**Isle of Wight Rural Awards 2018**

Nominations close on 20 May 2018.

Winners will be announced and trophies presented at the Royal Isle of Wight County Show on Sunday 8 July 2018.

**Categories**

* **Rural Business of the Year** – awarded to the rural business, from any sector, who exemplifies the Island’s rural sector and has made a significant contribution to the Isle of Wight.
* **Rural Young Person of the Year** – awarded to the young person aged up to 26 who lives, works or has a connection to the Isle of Wight countryside and has made a valued contribution to the rural sector.
* **Primary School of the Year** – awarded to the Isle of Wight primary school which best promotes and advocates countryside affairs and participates in/contributes to the Royal Isle of Wight County Show.
* **Wight Marque Food Business of the Year** – awarded to the Wight Marque business which has contributed the most to profile and promote the Isle of Wight as a quality food destination.
* **Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Champion** – awarded to a person who:
	+ - * + Promotes/utilises renewable or sustainable energy, and/or
				+ Is responsible for initiating or driving involvement in a sustainability project, and/or
				+ Has made sustained efforts to reduce their consumption of utility services or the impact of transportation, and/or
				+ Goes above and beyond standard sustainability practice, and/or
				+ Is responsible for a project that is likely to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.
* **Isle of Wight Farm Worker of the Year** - awarded to a person who works on an Isle of Wight farm, in any capacity.

Please complete the application form and give as much detail as possible about why you think the person, school or business you have nominated should receive the award.

All entries will be assessed by a panel of members from the RIWAS and the CLA.

Visits may be made to shortlisted entrants. The decision of the panel is final.

If you have any enquiries, please contact RIWAS on 0845 226 9098 or riwas@naturalenterprise.co.uk

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| Your name |  |
| Address |  |
| Email |  | Telephone |  |
| Name of business/person/organisation you are nominating: |  |
| Their address |  |
| Their email |  |
| Which category are you nominating them for? (Please select one per application. If you wish to nominate them for more than one category, please complete another form.) |
|[ ]  Rural Business of the Year |
|[ ]  Rural Young Person of the Year |
|[ ]  Primary School of the Year |
|[ ]  Wight Marque Food Business of the Year |
|[ ]  Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Champion |
|[ ]  Isle of Wight Farm Worker of the Year |
| Why do you believe they deserve this award? Please give as much detail as possible, and continue on another sheet if necessary. |
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| Please return this form to riwas@naturalenterprise.co.uk, or by post to Shide Meadows Centre, Shide Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1HR. |