



QUEEN HONOURS GRASSROOTS ECO PUBLISHER



PERMANENT PUBLICATIONS (www.permaculture.co.uk) a UK publisher producing practical books, magazines and websites which enable people to reduce their carbon footprint and live more sustainable lifestyles, has won a prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise 2008, in the Sustainable Development category.

The Queen's Award panel, endorsed by the Prime Minister's office, have honoured Permanent Publications because of its 'continuous achievement' and 'unfettered commitment to progressing sustainability' internationally.

"All the staff at Permanent Publications are passionate about providing people with information and the means to live a greener, more creative future," says Permanent Publications' Chief Executive and co-founder Maddy Harland. "We are very pleased to receive this award as it is a clear indicator that the vital issues of climate change and peak oil are being taken seriously. We also welcome this opportunity to emphasise the strength of the grassroots permaculture network worldwide and its creative solutions to the problems facing our planet."

Permanent Publications publishes practical books by critically acclaimed authors and the quarterly *Permaculture Magazine – Solutions for Sustainable Living*, established in 1992 with a readership of 600 people. It is now read in 77 countries both in print and online, with over 100,000 readers.

Permanent Publications' offices are based at a recycled naval base (formerly HMS *Mercury*) on the South Downs Way in Hampshire. The site is now The Sustainability Centre, an environmental educational charity which they helped found in 1995.

The company is a low carbon operation and demonstrates a commitment to sustainable business at all levels. It does not have a rubbish collection but recycles, reuses or composts its waste. Its offices are heated by biomass sourced on site, water is heated by solar thermal panels and the toilets are flushed with rainwater. Company procurement policy is Fair Trade and ethical.

Permanent Publications is active in supporting environmental projects in their local community, as well as nationally and globally. It has been at the cutting edge of sustainable solutions for almost two decades and winning the Queen's Award for Enterprise endorses the vital necessity of their work.

NOTES TO EDITORS

The Queen's Award

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the UK's most prestigious business awards, recognising outstanding achievement in international trade, innovation and sustainable development.

Permanent Publications' Other Awards

Permanent Publications also won the Small & Medium Enterprises category of the National Energy Efficiency Awards 2007 and Sustainable Business of the Year at the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Sustainable Business Awards 2007.

About Permaculture

Permaculture is primarily a tool for designing low carbon, highly productive systems.

Permaculture design is based on observing what makes natural systems work and endure, using these simple yet effective principles to design sustainable gardens, farms, buildings, woodlands, communities and businesses.

Around Britain and the world, permaculture is playing a key role in providing a model that is helping people to relocalise and redesign their own towns and create greener environments.

Permanent Publications' Authors Include

Ben Law, author of *The Woodland House* - as featured on Channel 4's 'Grand Designs' TV programme.

Patrick Whitefield, author of the acclaimed *The Earth Care Manual* - as featured on BBC2's 'It's Not Easy Being Green'.

Subsidiary Business

Permanent Publications also run *The Green Shopping Catalogue* (www.green-shopping.co.uk) which offers over 500 plus environmental books, DVDs, tools and products.

Photographs

High resolution images available on request.

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