

Sustainable Development: Council's 'Green' Fleet Wins Top Award



Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has scooped the 'Green Fleet of the Year 2016' award at the annual Sustainable Ireland Awards.

Presented to the Chairperson of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Mary Garrity at an awards ceremony on 7 September 2016, the award recognised the success of the Council's introduction of electric vans to its fleet of vehicles – the first Council in Northern Ireland to implement such an initiative.

The Awards judges said they were impressed at how the Council was leading the way in sustainable transport with its 'green' fleet and its commitment to help finance an infrastructure to support electric vehicles through the 'Plugged in Places' programme.

Councillor Mary Garrity welcomed the recognition of the work of the Council in sustainable development through the prestigious award.

"The Council's fleet of electric vehicles is good for the environment and good for ratepayers, with a saving of approximately £3,000 per electric van over five years compared to their diesel equivalent.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is committed to protecting and creating quality places and strives to improve how we do things by taking into account new and innovative ways of working where possible.

I am delighted that the Council has been recognised for its commitment to sustainable improvement and innovation and I was very proud to receive the award on behalf of the Council.”

Awards were made in a total of 16 categories, celebrating the achievements of individuals and organisations in all sectors of the environmental, waste management and energy sectors.

The Sustainable Ireland Awards were presented at the Ramada Hotel, Belfast on 7 September 2016.