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FINALISTS FEEDBACK REPORT

CLUB: Fairhaven Golf Club

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 24 September 2010

GOLF CLUB REPRESENTATIVE: James Hutchinson, Greenkeeper

For many years Fairhaven Golf Club has been at the forefront of ecological and environmental management in the golf industry. As winner of the Northern Regional Prize within the awards for the last three years there can be no doubting Fairhavens ecological credentials. In 2010 work has continued with James Hutchinson taking the lead in the vast array of ecological initiatives that are being undertaken across the Fairhaven Golf Club site.

The wide variety of ecological projects initiated by James has in my opinion served to enhance Fairhaven Golf Club, as it has not only increased the aesthetic and strategic elements of the course, but many elements such as extending the areas of rough grassland and heather out and into play have served to reduce the area of the course requiring intensive management which has in turn made management of the course a more efficient process.

I was delighted to note that the heather restoration work on the course had been a great success with new shoots readily emerging from the previously turf stripped areas. Equally impressive was the successful establishment of marram grass around the course and the success of the wetland creation project.

James Hutchinson has an infectious enthusiasm for ecological work and has a clear passion for wildlife promotion on the site. As a result of the many years of dedicated ecological work, I am delighted to announce that James has been awarded the title of Conservation Greenkeeper of the Year 2010.

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