



# Who do you think should be Highworth's Citizen of the Year 2008?

This is your chance to nominate the person you think has done the most for Highworth. It can be anyone who has done anything that has benefited the community in some way with the following exceptions.

Nominees cannot be elected Councillors or a member of the Inter-church Committee.

The award cannot be given for a person's paid employment.

Just fill in the coupon below and return to the Town Council Offices by 1 June 2008.

Please obtain the permission of the person you are nominating.

Highworth Inter-Church Committee in Partnership with the Highworth Town Council Citizen of the Year 2008

I would like to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The reason for my nominations are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Continue on separate sheet of paper if necessary)

The person has agreed to be nominated

My name \_\_\_\_\_

My address \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Should there be a nomination it is hoped to make the presentation at this year's Civic Service in June.



## Best practice guide for Carbon offsetting

Climate Change is one of the greatest challenges facing the world today. As the Prime Minister said at the end of last year, 'It is clear that climate change poses an urgent challenge, not only a challenge that threatens the environment but also international peace and security, prosperity and development.' We need to tackle this problem using every mechanism we can and carbon offsetting can play a valuable role in this.

Carbon offsetting, which involves compensating for emissions produced with an equivalent carbon saving, is a way of lessening the impact of consumer behaviour on the environment and is becoming increasingly popular in the UK.

Carbon offsetting is not a cure for climate change, but it can help raise awareness and reduce the impact of our actions as consumers, which is why the Government has recently announced a landmark code of best practice for carbon offsetting. Under the best practice guide emissions offset through accredited products will be calculated consistently and correctly, and consumers will be provided with clear information and transparent prices. More information on carbon offsetting, including a full draft of the Code of Best

Practice can be found at:

[www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk).

The Government is also encouraging the industry to come together and agree on standards for emission reductions. Once an industry consensus has been reached on a standard for voluntary emission reductions credits and it has been fully operational for six months, the Government has asked that an independent audit is carried out.

The industry standard and the Government's best practice guide will make carbon offsetting a more transparent, consistent and verifiable way for consumers to monitor and offset their emissions and I welcome the Government's action in this area.

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