

Press Release

Coblands Nurseries has been awarded *Highly Commended* at the LSC Employer of the Year Awards 2009 in the category of Apprenticeship Training Achievement

Glendale Horticulture Limited is very pleased to announce that last night (20th May) The Learning and Skills Council South East held its 2009 Awards ceremony celebrating skills excellence. Coblands Nurseries was entered in the Apprenticeship Awards in the category of Medium Employer of the Year. Where it was awarded the certificate of 'highly commended' for its commitment and investment to training and development.

Richard Burton, Managing Director of Glendale Horticulture stated:

"In these difficult times we continue to invest in what is the most important part of any business – its people. Since we started our own in-house training and exams we have seen increased performance with better staff retention and motivation. All our staff are not only given the opportunity but are actively encouraged to enrol on an NVQ with our training partner Hadlow College.

We are thrilled to have reached the regional finals and this award is great recognition for the hard work put in by staff, tutors and management team alike."

Notes to Editors:

About Glendale Horticulture Limited

Glendale Horticulture Limited sells hardy nursery stock to the trade and retail sectors through its trading companies Coblands Nurseries and Best4plants.

Glendale Horticulture Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Parkwood Holdings PLC.

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