

**Net Zero Champions**
**Award criteria**

This award will recognise organisations with sustainability at the heart of their business who are fully committed to becoming more net zero.

The net zero champion’s award will be presented to an organisation, group or individual located within East Suffolk who is working hard to combat climate emergency, showcasing a clear and demonstrable strategy for their efforts and achievements in environmental responsibility.

**How to enter**

1. **Check out our East Suffolk area map to ensure your business is within the entry area**
2. **Download and fill in our application form**
3. **Tell us about your business (approx.1000 words) this could include some of the following; Your history, customers, competitors, challenges, opportunities, your vision and anything else that you feel is relevant.**
4. **For your entry wording/evidence (no limit on this wording) the judges will be looking for** **examples of:**
* Your environmental activities and how you manage your environmental impact, e.g., progressing towards zero, lower carbon emission operations or waste reduction and efficiency
* Evidence of recycling, re-using, reducing waste, purchasing ethically, creation of an initiative which makes a difference to the local community.
* A business vision for growth which includes an innovative eco-friendly approach
* Engagement with your staff to suggest or try sustainable practices, from electric cars and cycling, to in-house resource saving
* Working sustainably and using technology to further ‘green’ ambitions
* Creating new jobs with a sustainability element
* Any accolades and testimonials.
* Anything else relevant you wish to share?
1. **Tell us why you believe your organisation deserves to win the Suffolk Chamber East Suffolk – Net Zero Champions Award (max 500 words)**

If you are selected as one of our category finalists, our judges for this category may wish to visit your business, they will arrange this direct with yourselves at a date and time convenient to both parties.