

Award for farming business

THE dedication and business acumen of a local farmer has been recognised as he takes the regional title in a national Awards programme.

David Hutchinson of Strixton Manor is celebrating the success of winning, Natural England's East Midlands 'Future of Farming' Award 2008.

The dynamic farming business at Strixton was founded 50 years ago, but great change – even in the last five years – has seen the development of Strixton Manor Business Centre, which accommodates rural offices and a meeting room alongside the working farm.

The 'Future of Farming' awards recognises the successful management of the intensive farm and the



David Hutchinson with the award certificate.

Business Centre as well as the management of wildlife, the landscape, the local heritage and people.

"We have integrated the farm with recently created environmental habitats and a busy Business Centre," said David Hutchinson.

Rewards

"There have been instant rewards, as the amount of farm wildlife is certainly on the way up. But the farm has to be viable, as any growth business, but time and space is always made for environmental projects to improve and preserve the character of the area."

David now has the honour of going forward the National final of the 'Future of Farming' awards.

For more information on the Business Centre call 01933 664217 or click onto www.strixtonmanor.co.uk