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**Award for Contribution to the Landbased Sector 2017**

## Caroline Drummond

Caroline Drummond is the Chief Executive of LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming). She has been running the farming and environmental charity since it started in 1991.

Caroline graduated in Agriculture and has broad practical agricultural experience gained from both the UK and overseas. Her work at LEAF focuses on encouraging more sustainable farming practices and building a better public trust and understanding of farming, food and the environment – values that she is personally extremely passionate about. She is actively involved in many industry partnerships and initiatives.

In the 2009 Queen’s Birthday Honours Caroline was awarded the MBE for services to the agricultural industry and has an Honorary Doctor of Science from Harper Adams University, a Nuffield Scholarship on ‘Health by Stealth - *What can farmers learn from science to improve the nutrition of our food’,* and was awarded Honorary Fellowship for the Society of the Environment. She is a past delegate of the IAgrM Leadership Course.

Caroline is on the council for the British Nutrition Foundation, is an invited member for the

Agricultural Forum, sits on the North Wyke Research Advisory Group, is a director of the Agri-tech initiative The Centre for Applied Crop Science, the Science Museum Advisory Board for their new agricultural exhibition and a director for the Institute of Agricultural Management.

She has previously been a director for the Rothamsted Research Institute, a governor for the Royal Agricultural University, a trustee for CPRE (Council for the Protection for Rural England), and a director for IGER (the Institute of Grassland and Environment Research) and the Oxford Farming Conference including the role of Chair for the 2005 Oxford Farming Conference.

She has sat on Defra’s Civil Society Advisory Board, Defra’s Red Tape Implementation Task Force and the Minister’s Green Food Project Steering Committee, among other industry and government initiatives.

She is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies (FRAgS), a Fellow of the Institute of Agricultural Management, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Fellow of the Society of Biologists and Chartered Environmentalist and a director for LEAF Marque.

**Aspects of Agricultural Engineering in its wider sense (such as soil science and the application of new technology) is writ large across all of Caroline’s work so it is a great pleasure for IAgrE to award Caroline with this award for her contribution to the landbased sector**