

Institution of Agricultural Engineers

Award for Contribution to the Land-Based Sector

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Richard Trevarthen has been a member of IAgRE for 36 years and maintains his professional IEng registration through the Institution.

Richard has contributed greatly to Agricultural Education and in particular Agricultural Engineering Education with endless energy. He instilled this enthusiasm into the many hundreds of young engineers and apprentices he supported during his working life.

Richard worked at Brooksby-Melton College from 1969, leading the Engineering Department for 30 years. He was closely involved with John Deere UK in the development and introduction of the John Deere sponsored Ag-Tech apprenticeship programme. This structured, committed approach to the training of service engineers is now adopted by all the leading tractor manufactures in the UK.

Richard won the coveted national Star Award from the Learning and Skills Development Agency for his outstanding contribution and achievements in 2004. In 2006 he was awarded the Highly Commended Medal of Excellence by City & Guilds for delivering quality training. Last year Richard received Honorary Member status from City & Guilds in recognition of his outstanding achievement in the furtherance of the work of the Guild in technical and vocational education and training.

Richard continues to be involved in developing the standards, curriculum and qualifications for the industry to which he is still devoted despite his retirement. Richards's enthusiasm for engineering and farm machinery spills over into his private life, he runs a stock car racing team with his son and also has a strong interest in vintage tractors and machinery.

Richard has been instrumental in encouraging young people to join IAgRE and to attend East Midlands Branch events. He always maintains a high level of integrity, demonstrating the values of the Institution and has had a significant influence in the development of young people coming into the Land-Based Sector.