

# The Institution of Agricultural Engineers

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## IAgrE Award for Contribution to the Land-based Sector

### Chris Biddle

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The criteria for an Award for Contribution to the Land-based Sector is defined as a “Member or a person well-respected in the industry who has made a sustained contribution to the landbased sector throughout their career”.

There is no doubt that Chris’s work as editor of Landwards for the past 12 years, whilst undertaken on a commercial basis, represents distinguished service from a distinguished person who is in fact a Fellow of the Institution. Without his work and efforts to take Landwards forward and respond to the needs of members and feedback, IAgrE would be a poorer institution.

Editing Landwards is clearly a challenging role. It demands a keen eye on the shifting sands of the Agricultural Engineering and allied industries. Chris has always been keen to keep Landwards ahead of the curve in terms of content and editorial and as such, Landwards pushed at the boundaries and is viewed by members as a useful account of the developments of the IAgrE community.

Chris has always gone that extra mile, attending a variety of national events and conferences to obtain relevant copy for Landwards. For some events, a very quick turn-around is needed and Chris has always delivered, on time and to a high standard. The IAgrE association with Chris has been highly beneficial and opened doors to new people and new themes. His work has enhanced the reputation of the Institution and introduced us to new audiences.

On a personal level, Chris is always open to new ideas and ideas for editorial and articles. He then goes out to research these and arrive at logical conclusions which are of interest and value to members.

Chris is able to draw upon his wide experience and contacts across the wider Agricultural Engineering and allied industries and this has allowed for an interesting range of articles and editorial where he was able to link these modern day and innovative thinking.

All of this represents outstanding service from a true gentleman and now that Chris stands down from his role as Landwards editor, it is only right and proper to acknowledge his contribution to the land-based engineering sector.

