

PRESS RELEASE

## **Corby forestry company sponsors and receives awards for training**

Corby forestry company, Lockhart Garratt Ltd, has achieved the coveted Investor in People status following an in-depth appraisal by independent assessors. The company's Investors in People plaque arrived in early October and now hangs outside the main entrance.

"Our Investors in People award confirms that a career at Lockhart Garratt is full of opportunity", said company Chairman, John Lockhart. "For our employees, however, the award is unlikely to come as a surprise. It was they who convinced the assessors that staff feel valued and that training for all levels of staff is at the heart of our business strategy."

Within a couple of weeks of the Investors in People award, Lockhart Garratt also learnt the name of the winner of its own annual award for arboricultural excellence. The winner, James Hedges of Grays in Essex, was the outstanding student of the year in the Royal Forestry Society's Professional Diploma in Arboriculture. The Professional Diploma is the leading qualification within the arboriculture profession.

John Lockhart explained: "An industry cannot thrive unless everyone in it strives for excellence. Sponsoring the Royal Forestry Society award is our way of recognising the effort that students put into achieving outstanding marks."

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He added: "Our newly won Investors in People status and the arboricultural excellence award that we sponsor each year are two aspects of the same philosophy. We champion training and the acquisition of new skills within our own company, and we honour success when we see others striving as hard as we do."

Among the many aspects of company policy that caught the eyes of the Investors in People assessors was the way that staff were invited to talk through their own training needs. The assessors also praised the high standard of Lockhart Garratt's induction programme. In their summary, they wrote that Lockhart Garratt "totally embraces the principles of the Investors in People standard".

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