

Edinburgh Bus Tours win gold

Edinburgh Bus Tours which is part of Lothian Buses has won a top award from Green Tourism.

This body makes awards on the basis of sustainable best practice, and Edinburgh Bus Tours with its new £6.5 million hybrid fleet of tour buses is an ideal winner.

These have smaller engines for better fuel efficiency and are suitable for wheelchair users.

✖ The bus company has also installed LED lighting in its depots, A-rated boilers, a water saving system and better recycling facilities. The parent company wants to reduce its carbon footprint by 42% by 2020 in line with the Scottish Government's Climate Change targets.

Speaking about the latest award Jon Proctor, chief executive of Green Tourism and assessor, said, "This is a huge achievement for the team at Edinburgh Bus Tours, their increased commitment to sustainability is evident in the new fleet of buses and this GOLD award is testament to that. Monitoring of energy, water, waste and fuel is very advanced and this has enabled the organisation to keep on top of long-term goals and meet targets."