**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PORTSMOUTH WATER IS A WINNER IN THE ROSPA AWARDS 2016**

**Portsmouth Water** has been successful in the 60th year of the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2016.

For the second year running Portsmouth Water have achieved the **President's** Award in the prestigious annual scheme run by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents ([RoSPA](http://www.rospa.com/)).

The RoSPA Awards is celebrating 60 years of presenting highly-regarded and sought after accolades to businesses and organisations which have shown commitment to accident and ill-health prevention. Through the scheme, which is open to businesses and organisations of all types and sizes from across the UK and overseas, judges consider entrants’ overarching occupational health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement.

Julia Small, RoSPA’s head of awards and events, said: “To win an award at such a highly-regarded event as the RoSPA Awards is a great achievement for our winners. It recognises their commitment to maintaining an excellent health and safety record and raises the bar for other organisations to aspire to. We offer them our congratulations.

Managing Director Neville Smith on hearing the news said “It is excellent news that we have been awarded the President’s Award from RoSPA as part of their prestigious H&S Awards. This award is high recognition of our achievements in Health and Safety over many years and is a true testimony of the efforts that everyone in the Company has put in to make us a safer place to work

For more information about the RoSPA Awards visit [www.rospa.com/awards](http://www.rospa.com/awards)

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**Notes to Editors**

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Portsmouth Water is one of the oldest water companies in the country, having been incorporated in 1857. We are proud sponsors of Portsmouth in Bloom, EBP Schools Science Fair, Staunton Country Park and Water Aid.

*Our Water Sources*

Our water, of high quality, is derived from the chalk of the South Downs and is abstracted from wells, boreholes, springs and the River Itchen. The Springs at Havant and Bedhampton are thought to be the largest group of springs used for public supplies in Europe.

*Statistics*

We serve 304,000 homes and businesses in an area covering 868 square kilometres (335 square miles) from the River Meon in Hampshire to the River Arun in West Sussex.

Every day we supply around 180 million litres (40 million gallons) of water to a population of over 660,000 people at the lowest cost in England and Wales.

*Our Distribution Network*

Water is supplied to our customers through a network of over 3,200 kilometres (1,990 miles) of underground water mains and more than 300,000 individual service connections, all of which are continuously maintained by our distribution staff.