

# PRESS RELEASE



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## PORTSMOUTH WATER IS A WINNER IN THE ROSPA AWARDS 2018

For the fourth year running Portsmouth Water have achieved the President's Award in the internationally renowned RoSPA Health and Safety Awards, the longest-running industry awards scheme in the UK.

The RoSPA Awards scheme, which receives entries from organisations around the world, recognises achievement in health and safety management systems, including practices such as leadership and workforce involvement.

Julia Small, RoSPA's head of qualifications, awards and events, said: "The RoSPA Awards are the most highly-respected in the health and safety arena, with almost 2,000 entrants every year, and allow organisations to prove excellence in the workplace, demonstrating a commitment to the wellbeing of not only employees but all those who interact with it."

The majority of awards are non-competitive and mark achievement at merit, bronze, silver and gold levels. Gold medals, president's awards, orders of distinction and the Patron's Award are presented to organisations sustaining the high standards of the gold level over consecutive years.

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. It is now the 4th year running that we have been awarded by RoSPA, the President's Award for Health and Safety. This is in addition to previously winning 10 gold awards. No mean achievement.

Everyone in the Company should be very proud to be associated with our approach to Health and Safety making it the number 1 priority within our Company.

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 EBP Schools STEM Fair, Education at 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 316,000 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 170 million litres (37 million gallons) of water to a population of over 720,000 people at the lowest cost in England and Wales.

#### *Our Distribution Network*

Water is supplied to our customers through a network of over 3,300 kilometres (2,000 miles) of underground water mains and more than 300,000 individual service connections, all of which are continuously maintained by our distribution staff.