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Hadley Wood's Oscar winner

OK, it's not the Hollywood version, but congratulations to Beales Hotels for winning an 'Oscar' for leading the way in green issues. The family-run Hertfordshire company, which owns West Lodge Park Hotel in Hadley Wood and Beales Hotel in Hatfield, beat much larger companies like Sainsbury's and Royal Mail to be voted overall winner of the national 2008 Sustainable City Awards. "We are absolutely thrilled to not only be highly commended within the category for small and medium enterprises, but to scoop the overall winners award as well," says a delighted Beales Hotel managing director, Andrew Beale. "All of the team have worked very hard to support our goals of local food from local suppliers, reduce our waste and benefit the environment."