

Who is the Fairest of Them All?

Glamour came to Shipton-under-Wychwood recently, when 14 of the Rooflight Company's employees modelled the latest Fairtrade fashions and accessories, as part of an awareness-raising day at the company.



All the clothes came from Traidcraft and People Tree, two of the leading retailers dealing exclusively in Fairtrade clothing. The Rooflight Company is already a strong supporter and provides only Fairtrade tea, coffee and fruit for its staff. The fashion show gave everyone an opportunity to see the great clothes on offer and show some of the employees in a new and very attractive light! Following the show, a raffle was held

with Fairtrade honey, chocolate and wine as the prizes. Each of these delicious products was also available for tasting along with Fairtrade baked goods from the newly published *Fairtrade Everyday Cookbook* edited by Sophie Grigson.

The event was led by

the Rooflight Company's co-founder, Valerie King, Valerie says:

“Fairtrade ensures that farmers and workers in the world’s poorest countries are getting a fair and stable price for their products. By buying Fairtrade products, you make a contribution towards a fairer world and send a clear message about social responsibility.”

For more information about Fairtrade, visit www.fairtrade.org.uk.

New Fund Supports Community Buildings

A new fund promises to bring more sustainable space and water heating, electricity and insulation to community buildings. It will support solar water heating, heat pumps, wood pellet stoves and wind or water electricity generators. **The Community Sustainable Energy Programme** aims to distribute £9 million to community not-for-profit organisations in 2008/9. The fund will help pay for both feasibility studies and the costs of equipment and installation. It offers £5000 (or 75% of costs, whichever is lower) towards a feasibility study, or £50,000 (or 50% of installed costs, whichever is lower) towards the recommended solution and its

installation. The fund is open to applications from community groups, charities and trusts, parish councils, schools and colleges, faith organisations and mutual societies. **Quarterly deadlines for applications** are: 16th May, 15th Aug, 7th Nov '08 & 30th Jan '09. The programme is managed by BRE and supported by the Big Lottery Fund. See www.communitysustainable.org.uk. The Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on **0800 512 012** provides impartial advice on renewable energy technologies and connects homeowners with discounted loft and cavity wall insulation, including 100% grants for over 70s.

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