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### **Second Halton Business Awards launched**

Who are Halton's top business entrepreneurs? Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise has just launched the second annual Halton Business Awards.

Nominations are now invited in four categories – Business of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Exporter of the Year, and Best New Start-up Business. The award for Networker of the Year will be chosen from the monthly winners at the Chamber's popular 1st Tuesday breakfast network events.

The competition is open to anyone working in the Halton area. Nominees do not have to be members of Halton Chamber.

Halton Chamber chairman Stephen Nickson said: "The first Halton Business Awards were so successful we had no hesitation in organising a second competition this year. The quality of the entrants was extremely high and I have no doubt this year's event will uncover even more of the borough's top businessmen and women.

"With the challenging economic conditions at the moment, many companies have been through some tough times in the past year. The Business Awards will be a perfect opportunity to put all that behind us and celebrate the best of business practice in the borough."

Nominations for each of the categories close on Friday 8 January. Public voting will then take place online and the winners will be announced at a glittering awards ceremony at the De Vere Hotel, Daresbury Park, on Friday 26 February 2010. The event, which will also include the presentation of the Halton Tourism Awards, will be hosted by Wire Fm presenter, Pete Pinnington.

Nominations can be made online via the Halton Chamber website: [www.haltonchamber.com](http://www.haltonchamber.com)

#### **Photo Caption**

The Halton Business Awards were launched at the print work premises of last year's Business of the Year, Merseyside Printing. Halton Chamber chairman Stephen Nickson (centre) was joined by Merseyside Printing general manager, John Dagnall, and Tina Taylor, last year's Best New Start-up Business.

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