



PRESS RELEASE

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Shortlist announced for Halton's Business and Tourism Awards

Finalists shortlisted for Halton's Business and Tourism Awards 2012 have just been announced.

Their nominations will now be scrutinised by an expert judging panel and the winners presented with prizes at a glittering awards ceremony to be held at The Heath Business Park's newly refurbished Orchard Suite on Friday 30th March.

World champion hurdler and Olympic silver medallist Colin Jackson CBE will be the inspirational after dinner speaker adding a touch of sporting glamour to an event which has become one of the highlights of Halton's social calendar.

Steve Tilbrook, Event Manager for the 2012 Awards, said: "In this year's awards, there are impressive nominations reflecting outstanding customer service and superb examples of businesses not just surviving, but being proactive and demonstrating that sound business practices can produce excellent results. And excellence is what the awards are all about."

The awards are organised jointly by Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise and Runcorn & Widnes Tourism Business Network, supported by Halton Borough Council, and are now in their fourth year.

Places for the awards dinner are available to book at a cost of £45 plus VAT through Halton Chamber. Tel 01928 516142. Chamber members receive a 10 % discount.

FINALISTS

Halton Business of the Year

Cakes by Kerry
Paragon PE
Unique Embroidery

New Business of the Year

Daresbury Dairy
Edge
Elite Employment

Positive Environmental Impact Award

Amey
Karalius Brothers
Queensbridge

Innovation Award

Deal With It (SOG)
GOSH Productions
Paragon PE

Exporter of the Year

Conren
Ineos ChlorVinyls
Tall Security Print

Entrepreneur of the Year

Caz Moss - The Style Factory
Claire Whitlow - Daresbury Dairy
Paul Ward - Paragon PE

Outstanding Customer Service Award

Beautiful You
Queensbridge
Roadaid

Young Tourism Professional of the Year

Danny Myatt - Widnes Superbowl
Zoe Rowe - Widnes Superbowl
Joshua Williams - De Vere Village Daresbury Park

Recognition of Tourism Support Award

George Houghton - Fair Organ & Vintage Rally
Sally Jones - Holiday Inn
Lynn Steadman - Catalyst Science Discovery Centre

Innovation in the Visitor Economy

Daresbury Dairy
Lewis Carroll Visitor Centre
Widnes Vikings

Visitor Economy Team of the Year

Sales Team - De Vere Village Daresbury Park
Operational Management Team - Norton Priory
Crazy Club - Widnes Superbowl

Outstanding Customer Service in the Visitor Economy

Sam Elwell - Frankie & Benny's
Jennifer Hibbert - De Vere Village Daresbury Park
Kristine McCafferty - Reel Cinema

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