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## **Race launched to find Halton's top tourism workers**

Have you experienced great customer service at Halton's tourist attractions or hotels?

If you think an organisation or member of staff has gone that extra mile to make your visit a special experience, then why not make their day too and nominate them for an award.

The Runcorn and Widnes Tourism Business Network and Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise have joined forces again to launch the 2010 Tourism Awards which are part of the annual Halton Business & Tourism Awards. Nomination forms can now be found at attractions, hotels and libraries throughout Halton or you can vote online at [www.halton.gov.uk/tourism](http://www.halton.gov.uk/tourism).

The five categories are 'Outstanding Customer Service', 'Family Friendly Assistant', 'Team of the Year', 'Outstanding Young Person' (age 16-24) and 'Unseen Hero/Volunteer'. The closing date for nominations is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January and finalists will be invited to a glittering awards ceremony at the De Vere Hotel, Daresbury Park on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

Jules Burgess-Wilson, chair of the Tourism Business Network, said: "The standard of last year's winners was exceptional and we are sure there are many more candidates in Halton worthy of recognition this year. We are delighted to launch the award scheme at the Runcorn Ski Centre, which was one of the 2009 winners - its staff won the Family Friendly award for providing fantastic birthday ski parties."

Details of the 2010 Business Awards, which will also be presented at the same ceremony in February, will be announced by Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise later in the year.

### **Photo Caption**

Staff at Runcorn Ski Centre help to launch the race to find Halton's 2010 stars of the tourism and hospitality industry. Pictured at the launch of the Runcorn and Widnes Tourism Business Awards are: (Left to right, back): Jules Burgess-Wilson, chair of the Runcorn and Widnes Tourism Business Network, and Stephen Nickson, chairman of Halton Chamber. (Front) 2009 winners - John Doyle, owner of Runcorn Ski Centre, with staff Ben Shenton and Andy Cook.

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