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RUNCORN FIRM SANDON GLOBAL WINS HALTON CHAMBER BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Runcorn firm Sandon Global has scooped the top Business of the Year prize at the 2019 Halton Chamber Business Awards held at a glittering dinner in Halton Stadium on Friday 15 November.

The innovative manufacturer of specialist equipment to the global printing industry is based in Manor Park and was one of more than 400 companies and individuals who attended the celebratory evening organised by Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise.



Widnes Vikings were presented with a special award for 'Investing in Halton's Future' and 'Entrepreneur of the Year' was won by Terri Kearney from Nightstop. Hardman Office & Commercial Cleaning took top prize for 'Outstanding Customer Service'; 'Social Enterprise of the Year' was the Stick 'n' Step charity and new Business of the Year was Octave Design Services.

Val Allen, chair of Halton Chamber of Commerce, said: "This year's business awards have been the biggest and best yet in Halton. We attracted a record number of entries and tickets for the event sold out weeks in advance.

"The evening has shone a light on some amazing innovative work taking place in the borough. Everyone short-listed for an award is a winner."

Chamber chief executive Rachael Owen added: "If this evening is a barometer of the health of the business community in Halton, we have much to celebrate.

"The quality of entries and the achievements of entrepreneurs in this region is incredibly encouraging and uplifting. Successful businesses create lots of jobs so a thriving local economy is great news for all of us."

The event's principal sponsor DCBL, a national debt recovery firm and star of Channel Five's 'Can't pay? We'll take it away!' were the main speakers, adding a touch of TV reality star glamour to the evening. They sponsored both the Business of the Year Award and the new 'Rising Star High Growth Business of the Year' category won by Widnes firm Millwood Manufacturing, who specialise in creating products for the healthcare, pet, household and automotive industries.

Gary Robinson, CEO and founder of DCBL, said: "We have recently moved our headquarters to Runcorn and are delighted to support this wonderful celebration of Halton's best businesses.

"We know what it takes to scale up a good idea into a successful business and both Sandon Global and Millwood Manufacturing are worthy winners.

They are both shining examples of what amazing results can be achieved with vision, energy and enterprise.”

Winners are:

Halton’s Business of the Year *(sponsored by DCBL & Halton Chamber)*

Sandon Global

Investing in Halton’s Future *(sponsored by Halton Chamber)*

Widnes Vikings

New Business of the Year *(sponsored by Widnes Vikings)*

- **Octave Design Services (Winner)**
- Imagin3d
- Holfords Roofing
- **On the High Street (Highly Commended)**
- MAT Recruitment

Outstanding Customer Service *(sponsored by Liverpool John Lennon Airport)*

- **Hardman Office & Commercial Cleaning (Winner)**
- Specsavers
- Sleptight Beds
- The Figure Factory
- Q Delivery Service

Apprentice/Young Achiever of the Year *(sponsored by The Apprentice Hub)*

- Matthew Walker - Evolve Facility Services
- Lewis Hancox - STFC
- Oliver Rowles - Prima
- **Sam Meacock - Initial Packaging (Winner)**
- Kane Wignall - ICE
- **Jessica Gibbons - Support at Home (Highly Commended)**

Social Enterprise of the Year *(sponsored by Wellbeing Enterprises)*

- Nightstop
- United Giving
- **Stick ‘n’ Step (Winner)**
- Sew Halton

Responsible Business of the Year *(Sponsored by Halton Foundation)*

- Hardman Office & Commercial Cleaning

- **Anthony's Travel (Winner)**
- SOG
- XCellR8
- Evans Creative

Rising Star High Growth Business of the Year *(sponsored by DCBL)*

- Support at Home
- **Millwood Manufacturing (Winner)**
- D3T
- Perfectus Biomed
- Polymorph
- Flint Studios

Manufacturer of the Year *(sponsored by ABGi UK)*

- The TALL Group
- **Sandon Global (Winner)**
- Mersey Vent
- Alstom

Sustainable Business of the Year *(sponsored by INOVYN)*

- Calon Associates
- **Used Kitchen Exchange (Winner)**
- Genlab

Exporter of the Year *(sponsored by Halton Chamber)*

- **The TALL Security Print (Winner)**
- Sandon Global
- Arvia Technology
- ORCHA

Employer of the Year *(sponsored by Halton Borough Council)*

- **D3T (Winner)**
- Perfectus Biomed
- Sure Safe
- Evolve Facility Services
- Halton Housing
- Riverside College

Family Business of the Year (30+ Employees) *(Sponsored by Halton Chamber)*

- **Support at Home (Winner)**
- Anthony's Travel
- Mersey Bunkering (The Armitt Group)

- Early Learners Nursery
- **Hough Green Garages (Highly Commended)**

Family Business of the Year (<30 Employees) (Sponsored by Halton Chamber)

- Aqueous
- PPS Pinnington Plumbing
- **Ace Blinds (Highly Commended)**
- **Industrial Cooling Equipment (Winner)**

Entrepreneur of the Year (sponsored by Sci-Tech Daresbury)

- Jonathan Guy - Aqueous Digital
- Nick Griffiths - Industrial Cooling Equipment
- **Terri Kearney – Nightstop (Winner)**
- Chris Berg - Acorn2Oak

Large BID Business of the Year (Sponsored by Halton BID)

- **Hough Green Garages (Winner)**
- Knitwire (Catalytic Support Systems)

Small BID Business of the Year (Sponsored by Halton BID)

- **Sure Safe (Winner)**
- The Figure Factory
- Courier Post
- Industrial Cooling Equipment

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