

INSPIRE

Business Awards

Friday 15th October

FINALIST ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2021 INSPIRE BUSINESS AWARDS

The initial stages of judging have taken place for the INSPIRE Business awards and the three finalists for all 12 categories have been announced with representation of business of all types, sizes and spread across the whole of north Hampshire with finalist businesses from Andover, Fleet, Farnborough and Basingstoke.

Now that the finalists have been selected, the next stage of judging will take place ready for the winner to be announced at the gala dinner to be held on Thursday 25th November 2021 at the Hampshire Court Hotel in Basingstoke.

“There is such a wide variety of business across the region and we received high quality entries in all categories. It is especially gratifying to see evidence of innovation and adaption to the ‘new’ normal, testament to the great entrepreneurship of businesses in the region. Now we are looking forward to finding out more by visiting each of the finalists so we can make our decision on the winner – and it looks like it will be a very difficult, but enjoyable task ahead,” said John Biffen, from Menzies and Chair of the INSPIRE Steering Group.

It has been a very challenging time for businesses and INSPIRE aims to showcase the best of our regional businesses, culminating in a gala awards dinner on 25th November when the winners will be announced for all categories as well as a Winner of Winners chosen by the judging panel from the winners of each category.

Tickets are now on general sale to businesses or individuals who would like to attend. The evening includes a champagne reception, three course dinner with wine included as well as entertainment and the culmination of the evening – the announcement of the winners. Ticket can be booked from the web site at www.inspirebusinessawards.co.uk

- The Finalists are:
 - Large Business of the Year (Over £5 million turnover) sponsored by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
 - Phillips Solicitors
 - Reassured
 - Centerprise International
 - Medium Business of the Year (Turnover £501k to £5 million)– sponsored by Absolutely Offices
 - Minitec
 - Jargon PR
 - Wildflower Turf

- Small Business of the Year (Turnover up to £500k)– sponsored by Destination Basingstoke
 - vivoHR
 - Safe Hands Book Keeping
 - Apptaura

- New Business of the Year – sponsored by Hart District Council
 - Swagpack
 - The Lake House
 - The Palm Brassiere
 - Willows Coffee House

- Business and Community – sponsored by Face TV
 - Forces Re-engineered CIC
 - The Design Lab
 - Spicy Tadka

- Employer of the Year – sponsored by Reality HR
 - Phillips Solicitors
 - Reassured
 - Basingstoke Citizens Advice Bureau

- Innovation for Growth Award – sponsored by RSM
 - LG Motion
 - Centerprise International
 - Petra Jewellery

- Service Excellence – sponsored by Morrisons Solicitors
 - Basingstoke Academy of Dance
 - Dignity Pet Crematorium
 - Blucando

- Young Business Person of the Year – sponsored by Minuteman Press
 - Nicola Ascroft – D & D Beauty
 - Victoria Wayman – Just Love Studio
 - Laura Fisher – Laura Fisher Illustrations

- Environmental Responsibility Award – sponsored by Vitacress
 - Disastercare
 - The Salon at Old Basing
 - Triple O Packaging

- Wellbeing at Work Award – sponsored by Festival Place
 - DCSL Guidesmiths
 - iWaste
 - GDS Instruments

- Excellence Digital Technology Award – sponsored by Local IQ
 - RazorSecure
 - Cevitr

- Festival Place

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The INSPIRE Business Awards cover the areas of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart, Rushmoor and Test Valley local authority areas of north Hampshire and have been organised on behalf of the sponsors by Destination Basingstoke for over 10 years. The Awards are funded entirely by sponsorship.

The INSPIRE Business Awards form part of Destination Basingstoke's strategy to deliver quality events and projects that showcase this area's assets.

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