

ARUN BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARDS



Customer Care award – Cllr Gill Brown and Phillip Roberts of the Beachcroft Hotel C072465-3



Green Business of the Year – Sandra Barnes-Keywood of Old Chapel Forge and Chris White-Moncrieff C072465-4



Commitment to Arun Business Partnership – Michael Pisko (left), and Jim Brooks C072465-6

Best in the business receive their awards

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Arun's biggest celebration of business achievement took place with a glittering awards ceremony last week.

A record-breaking 100 nominations were received for the eighth Arun Business Partnership Awards and the judges faced a tough job to select the winners.

The awards recognised local businesses which have led the way in terms of enterprise, innovation and success over the past 12 months.

The ticket-only event was held at the Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, Walberton, last Thursday.

It was organised by the Arun Business Partnership, which represents the interests of businesses across the district, and supported by Arun District Council's Economic and Cultural Development Unit.

The event is supported by the Bognor Regis Observer and Littlehampton Gazette newspaper series with each of the 15 award categories sponsored by a local company.

Chairman of Arun District Council Graham Tyler praised the high level of quality of each of the entries.

He said: "The awards have gone from strength to strength over the past few years and Thursday night's event was brilliant.

"I know the huge contribution local businesses make to the district of Arun. They drive its economy and represent the fantastic diversity of the area. The Arun Business Partnership Awards recognise and celebrate that contribution.

"Some of our local businesses have achieved really incredible things in the past 12 months and it is only right that they are recognised for it."

More than £260 was also raised on the evening for the chairman's charity, which is the Arun Council for Voluntary Service.

Cllr Tyler added: "I would like to thank everyone who was involved in organising this event.

"I know an awful lot of work went



Website of the Year – Anthony Cleall (left), with PPL's Kate Pickthall, Emma Brenton and Barry Pickthall C072465-1

into making it the success it was. I would also like to thank everyone who gave generously to my charity."

Arun District Council's business development officer Miriam Nicholls said: "Thursday night's awards were the best we've had yet.

"There was such enthusiasm and some genuine gasps of amazement at the achievements of some of our local companies.

"We had the highest number of nominations since the awards started eight years ago and the quality of each of them was so high it made judging and picking out the winners very difficult."

Next year, it is hoped that there will be an Anita Roddick award in memory of the Littlehampton entrepreneur who died in September.

AWARD WINNING COMPANIES

- Small Business of the Year (up to 5)
 - Small Business of the Year (6-10)
 - Business of the Year (10)
 - New Business of the Year
 - Business Marketing & Promotion Award
 - Green Business of the Year
 - Customer Care Award
 - Training & Development Award
 - Website of the Year Award
 - Disability Awareness Award
 - Sussex By the Sea Tourism Award
 - Business in Education Award
 - Business in the Community Award
 - Commitment to ABP
 - Overall Business of the Year
- Garden Innovations
 - Ferring Nurseries
 - Orkney Boats
 - East Beach Café
 - East Beach Café
 - Old Chapel Forge
 - Beachcroft Hotel
 - Powerful Trainers
 - PPL Ltd
 - Enable Me
 - East Beach Café
 - Greenpower
 - Frame of Mind
 - Michael Pisko
 - Orkney Boats



Business in the Community – Theresa Bates and Dee Fowler (right), of Frame of Mind with Laurence Hill C072465-5



Training and Development award – Anne Feldberg (left), with Georgina Littlechild and John Warwick of Powerful Trainers C072465-2



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