GloucestershireLive Business Awards are back for their 25th year — here's how you can take part in the county's biggest business celebration

Gloucestershire is home to a great community of businesses large and small — and we're going to be recognising the best of the best as we launch the GloucestershireLive Business Awards.

From high streets to business parks and industrial estates, from gleaming city centre offices to workshops, factories and farms, businesses are the lifeblood of our regional economy.

But they are about so much more than numbers on a balance sheet — they are a key part of the fabric of our communities, and help to make Gloucestershire such an amazing place to live and work.

The GloucestershireLive Business Awards are back for the 25th year to honour the region's best businesses, and the amazing people behind them, from the boardroom to the shop floor.

We launched the awards at the offices of our returning headline partner <u>Randall & Payne</u> near Cheltenham.

The awards will celebrate innovation, entrepreneurship, technology and creativity, honour brilliant people going the extra mile for their customers and clients, and shine a light on the fantastic things businesses are doing to make a difference right here across Gloucestershire.

Business leaders gather to launch the GloucestershireLive Business Awards 2023



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View gallery

Winners will take to the stage at our glittering awards dinner on October 12 alongside guests including some of our most influential business leaders.

Our awards are open to businesses of all types and sizes, so whatever your company does, there will be a category that fits. There are also categories for individuals, from apprentices starting out, to people who have been making a difference for decades.

The awards are FREE TO ENTER, so for your chance to be a winner, simply fill out the form. Entries close on July 14 and winners will be announced at the silver anniversary awards ceremony at Cheltenham Racecourse, on Thursday, October 12.

To enter or to secure your tickets, visit the event website.

Here are our categories for 2023

Small Business of the Year — sponsored by <u>WSP Solicitors</u>

To celebrate a small business that combines commercial success with other elements of the awards, such as customer service, social impact, innovation and developing talent.

Environmental and Sustainability Award — sponsored by <u>SSE</u> <a href="mailto:specific-specific

Highlighting a business making a difference to the environment, locally, nationally or globally, either through its products and services or its way of working.

Innovation Award — sponsored by <u>Spirax Sarco</u>

Celebrating inventive thinking, product or system development

and creativity in business



Best Place to Work - sponsored by <u>HR People Support</u>

Recognising a business with a focus on developing talent through training, apprenticeships, work experience, diversity and inclusion, career progression and opening opportunities to all.

Growth Award

To recognise a growing medium-sized business that has taken tangible steps to increase its scale and impact.

Global Britain Award

Recognising a business that is trading with the world in a successful, innovative way, showing how firms large or small can play their part in Global Britain

Rising Star - sponsored by Renishaw

For a young person in business, either as an owner, employee or apprentice, who is having a positive impact beyond their age and experience. They may be demonstrating notable success, have overcome adversity to achieve, or using their success to help others.

Outstanding Contribution

This award recognises an immense sustained contribution to business, society and the community across a number of years.

Business of the Year - sponsored by Randall & Payne

For a business that has performed exceptionally, either in commercial terms, innovation, impact or customer service.

Business Person of the Year

For a business owner or leader who has had a major impact on their firm's success, which may also be delivering benefits to other people, such as employees or the community.

Unsung Hero

Highlighting the impact of a staff or team member who may not ordinarily receive recognition, showing business success is not just about management and leadership. They may have overcome adversity, such as serious illness or bereavement.

Made in Britain Award

Recognising excellence in manufacturing and production in this country

Drinks Partner - Gloucestershire College

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 the event website.