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The wait is nearly up – it isn't long until we found out the winners of the Examiner Business Awards 2021.

After previous postponement, the highly-anticipated black-tie evening is set to be one to remember.

On March 24 at [John Smith's Stadium](#), Huddersfield's business community will gather together to celebrate all things local – from pioneering start-ups to the economic powerhouses, from creative innovators to inspiring entrepreneurs.

To find out more information or buy tickets to the event, click [here](#).

Find out who has made the shortlist [here](#).

Ahead of the glittering black-tie event, we spoke to those supporting the region's top business talent to find out why this year's [Examiner Business Awards](#), in association with [BusinessLive](#), are to be such a momentous occasion.



Kirklees College

[Kirklees College](#) is committed to serving the people of Kirklees and the surrounding area. Offering academic and vocational courses, students benefit from a varied curriculum, state-of-the-art facilities and exceptional resources. The college also works with more than 1,000 employers both in the region and nationally.

When asked about why the college is supporting the awards, Helen Rose, director of external relations, said: “We have proudly sponsored the Examiner Business Awards for a number of years as we believe in changing lives and creating opportunity for young people.

“As sponsors of the Young Entrepreneur of the Year category, we recognise the importance of championing the successes of local young people who have made a difference in the community and serve as fantastic role models to inspire the next generation.”

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[Kirklees Council](#) is a metropolitan single-tier authority, the 13th biggest local authority in the UK in terms of population.

Councillor Shabir Pandor, Council Leader and Cabinet Member

for Business, said: "Kirklees Council is proud to be supporting the Examiner Business Awards. This year we have chosen to sponsor the New Business of the Year Award to celebrate astounding businesses which, despite a difficult and uncertain few years, have managed to take off and flourish. Now more than ever this is an incredible achievement.

"We know there are a lot of factors in a start-up's success. Starting a business takes talent and tenacity, drive and commitment – but there are other factors too, like sharing your start-up journey, creating a network and seeking solid support.

"As a council, we're proud to provide a range of expert services and invaluable connections to support Kirklees' up-and-coming entrepreneurs. We want to help build successful businesses which not only survive but thrive for years to come.

"The presentation of this award is particularly poignant for the council right now, because we are currently working on new, better ways to support Kirklees start-ups. We hope this support will further strengthen the local economy, by helping more dedicated entrepreneurs to make their dreams a reality."

From left: Helen Rose of Kirklees College, Cllr Shabir Pandor of Kirklees Council and Dr Nick Lancaster of University of Huddersfield

Kirklees Stadium Development Ltd

Sponsoring SME Business of the Year (up to 49 employees), [Kirklees Stadium Development Ltd](#) facilitates and operates the John Smith's Stadium. As the home of Huddersfield Town Football Club and Huddersfield Giants Rugby League Club, and being a leading conferencing and events centre, the stadium is one of West Yorkshire's leading sporting, leisure and music venues, having played host to some of the world's biggest stars.

Get your tickets to the special black-tie event [here](#). Tickets are £75pp (+ vat) or £700 (+ vat) for a table of 10.

University of Huddersfield

At the heart of the community, the award-winning [University of Huddersfield](#) is a growing centre of research and excellence. The university's growing reputation of a leader in the field of enterprise and its focus on industry experience allows students and graduates great opportunities for success. At the [Examiner Business Awards 2019](#), Vice-Chancellor Professor Bob Cryan won Business Person of the Year.

Dr Nick Lancaster, director of research, innovation and knowledge exchange, said: "The University of Huddersfield has a long history of sponsoring these prestigious awards and I am proud to carry on this tradition. The university is passionate about supporting innovation and enterprise by working in partnership with businesses and, whilst I am relatively new to the university, this is something that I wish to develop even further.

"The award for Innovation and Enterprise recognises the many

exciting and original businesses in Huddersfield and I look forward to congratulating all the nominees and the very worthy winner in this competitive field.”

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[CityFibre](#) was founded to build new generation of full fibre infrastructure for the UK – a network capable of transforming the digital capabilities of citizens and businesses, sparking innovation and underpinning our economy in a gigabit age. The company is on track to reach its target of eight million homes by 2025, meaning 285 cities and towns will have access to the UK's fastest and most reliable broadband from a range of internet service providers.

Sponsor of the Community Award, CityFibre is [regularly passing milestones](#) in communities across the UK. [Vodafone](#) has even agreed to a major expansion of its strategic partnership to back CityFibre and help establish wholesale infrastructure competition for the UK.

- [The Examiner Business Awards 2021 will take place on March 24, 2022 at the John Smith's Stadium.](#)
- [Tickets are available to buy here.](#) Ticket price – £75 (+ vat) / Table of 10 – £700 (+ vat)