

The Search Is On for The North Notts Region's Best Businesses

The North Notts region's prestigious Business Awards for 2019 are now underway and all local firms in Bassetlaw are encouraged to throw their hat into the ring. With categories to suit every shape and size of business, these annual Business Awards continue to positively raise the profile of the region's business achievements and success.

The awards for 2019 sees lots of new awards introduced aimed to engage the region's larger firms, including the manufacturing sector, and this year premium VIP tickets to the glitzy Awards Ceremony are now available too.

Gregg Bartram, Joint Managing Director of Lead Sponsors, Alexander Calder Financial Ltd, said "We are pleased once again to sponsor the awards as they are one of the highlights of the corporate calendar in North Notts. I would encourage everyone in business to engage with these awards at whatever level suits your business, and most of all attend and make the event a superb celebration of local business and talent."

The North Notts Business Awards are always free for firms to enter and all firms based in Bassetlaw are encouraged to get involved. The judged categories for 2019 are: -

- **The Alexander Calder Financial Ltd Company of the Year**
- **Business Person of the Year**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** – sponsored by Bassetlaw District Council
- **Micro Business of the Year**
- **Employer of the Year** – sponsored by North Notts BID Ltd
- **Excellence in Manufacturing Award**
- **Family Business Award**
- **Best New Business** - sponsored by The Preparation Group
- **Best Customer Service Award** – sponsored by Dukeries IT Ltd
- **Improvement Through Tech Award**
- **Employee of the Year**
- **Corporate Social Responsibility Award**

The judges are also seeking nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by Bassetlaw District Council. This very special award will be presented to an outstanding business person in the private sector whose dedication and exceptional achievements has had a profound commercial influence and impact in the North Notts region.

Entry forms for all of the judged categories are available to download via the website www.northnottsbusinessawards.weebly.com . The closing date for entries is Friday, 11th January 2019.

The voting for the Public Voting Awards is now underway, there are lots of new nominees for 2019 and many hundreds of votes have been cast already. It's firmly

on course to be a very fierce battle once again this year and every vote is going to count. You can cast your vote by visiting <https://northnottsbusinessawards.weebly.com/public-voting-awards-2019.html>

The finalists will be announced at a popular breakfast networking meeting on Wednesday, 30th January 2019 at Retford's Spencer's on the Square, around 80 local firms or more are expected to attend.

Having outgrown previous venues, the Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday 15th March 2019 at the largest venue in the region, the North Notts Arena, and which can seat up to 500 guests.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for various categories for firms who wish to be recognised as North Notts business leaders and acknowledged for championing and supporting their region's business excellence. To sponsor an award contact awards@northnottsbc.uk

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Notes to Editors:

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- 1) Winners of the Alexander Calder Financial Ltd Company of the year Award 2018, Kingfisher Direct Limited, with Gregg Bartram Joint Managing Director of Alexander Calder Financial Ltd
- 2) The Winners 2018
- 3) Lifetime Achievement Award 2018 winner Dawn Cragg MBE with Robert Wilkinson from award sponsors Bassetlaw District Council
- 4) Various photos from the North Notts Business Awards 2018 including host, Inspirational and Motivational speaker Steve Judge

North Notts Business Connections is the leading organisation for “bringing businesses together” in the North Nottinghamshire region and organisers of the annual North Notts Business Awards and North Notts Business Women Awards.

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