

B2B Business

A local marketing company described as

Incredibly professional in everything they do and a worthy contender for your B2B award – helpful with cost effective and impactful services.

The judges commended them for being a business that helped other businesses grow through marketing and on line presence

The winner is Path Marketing

B2B

A winner that was described as

Excellent when it comes to the professional services they offer other businesses and easy to deal with. Highly recommended.

The judges commended them for understanding long term relationship building is especially important for B2B Businesses

The winner is Auxilium HR

Hospitality

In their entry they said

Our goal has always been simple: to create a place where people can enjoy authentic food, celebrate special moments, and experience true hospitality.

The judges commended them for rising to the challenges over recent years that have faced all business especially hospitality.

The winner is

Castello

Hospitality

A local business that was nominated for its fabulous and imaginative food, great atmosphere and use of local produce

Again the judges commended them for rising to the challenges over recent years that have faced all business especially hospitality

The winner is

The Acorn

Customer Service

The judges praised the excellent and comprehensive entry that also included glowing client testimonials

They said

Good service is something we have always prioritised and we are proud to put ourselves forward for this award.

The judges commended them for the clear and excellent entry that addressed the category.

The winner is Architects Boon Brown

Customer Service

This popular family business entered and said

More and more people are seeking out products from independent businesses who really care about their customers. We do.

The judges said that from their entry and nominations it was clear they did offer excellent customer service so the winner is

Cake Box Bakery

Customer Service

Our last winner in this category is a local fitness business that outlined their excellent customer service and their pride in creating a community asset where people of all backgrounds and levels of fitness are welcome.

The winner is Trident Gym

Family Business

This long standing business put in an excellent entry justifying why they should win this award. A business whose name the judges felt inspired confidence and one they felt recognised the integrity and trust needed at a most sensitive time in their clients lives.

They included many details to show them worthy of winning. Our judges felt the fact that they were a family business, with many generations contributing to building the business that exists today, had been and still is a major factor in creating a highly respected company that is also a part of the local community.

The winner is AJ Wakely & Sons

Family Business

Another good entry that said so much about their values as a family business including

Our long-standing accreditations, loyal customer base, and comprehensive service offering demonstrate how a family business can thrive while putting people, trust, and community first.

The winner is

Back2Market

Family Business

A business that has grown steadily over the last 10 to 15 years and is very much a family affair and the judges commended them for their success and their family values.

They said

We believe we should be considered for Family Business of the Year because our story is one of sustained growth, hard work, and values-led leadership — with family at the centre of our decisions, our culture, and our future.

The winner is Dust til Dawn

Independent Business

A trade business that believes in excellent workmanship and customer service was put forward by an employee who said

Their commitment to people, excellence, and community truly sets them apart.

Other comments included

Every single member of our team shows up each day committed to delivering the highest standard of workmanship and service.

The winner is Hadleigh Construction Group

Independent Business

An entry and nominations secured this win for a local retailer selling personalised gifts and homeware.

They said

Our customer service isn't a policy it is a personal promise to everyone that walks through the door. There have been many occasions that we have arrived early or stayed late to be able to get a personalised printing order done and ready for someone that has needed it last minute.

The winner is

Refine and Design

My Favourite Business

We had many nominations for this eco-friendly retailer that has been open in the town for 40 years

That included comments like

I would like to nominate Ceres Natural Foods an amazing independent shop in Yeovil Town. I recently moved from Essex to Somerset, on discovering this shop so well stocked with all my favourite products. I am a Homeopath & feel reassured I can also receive excellent advise from Jenna the herbalist too.

A well-established local business offering specialist products. The range and quality of products in the store is excellent and the service level meet very high standards.

The winner is

Ceres Natural Foods

My Favourite Business

A hair salon that has built an enviable reputation over the last 7-8 years for its customer service and creativity.

Comments included

Highly recommended and I chose it as My Favourite Business because its fabulous at making you look and feel fabulous.

I put forward Salon on the Green for this award as it is without doubt My Favourite in Yeovil – wouldn't be out of place in Chelsea!!

The winner is

Salon on the Green

Best Place to Work

**An excellent entry secured this win for a local business that operates in the care sector.
– they said**

It is:

- **A workplace built on loyalty, stability and trust**
- **A team united by kindness, joy and a shared purpose**
- **A culture that truly values its staff, listens to them, celebrates them, and invests in them**
- **A place where wellbeing is prioritised, voices are heard and careers flourish**
- **A community that welcomes every staff member as part of a family**

We don't just provide outstanding care — we provide an outstanding working environment that should be celebrated and recognised!

The winner is

Ivelhurst Nursing Home

Best Place to Work

An employee entry secured this win for a local business renowned for its bakery

It said

I felt like an absolute fool, accepting a part-time job at a bakery - and I questioned what on earth I was doing, and wondered if I'd even stay.

... Those fears were completely ill-founded, as it wasn't long before I felt like part of the furniture.

The owners, Rob and Deb were so incredibly welcoming, and the staff team were so very helpful, (and patient) every step of the way, in training a complete and utter novice!!

Fast forward almost four years, and I am still there!!... it is still such a pleasure going into work, dealing with customers, working with a team who truly are united, and genuinely smiling non-stop whilst there.

I've had many a job over the years, and I can safely say, that none have been so satisfying, more joyous, or so very uplifting, than working here has been.

The winner is

Cake Box Bakery

Young Entrepreneur

Still only 25 our winner today launched his creative business in 2019 and has built a business that is going from strength to strength.

He included comments like

My business is a strong example of modern entrepreneurship built on creativity, relationships, and real business impact.

I founded it in 2019 and am now just 25 years old, and it has grown from a one-man creative setup into a respected design and marketing agency working with businesses across Somerset, Dorset, Devon and across the UK. At a young age I have built a business known not just for great design, but for genuine partnership and long-term results.

The winner is

Travis Parker of TP Creates

New Business

An indoor play centre that has built a strong customer base and become a firm favourite with families in the area.

They said

As a family-run business, Mini Kingdom is built on personal investment, not corporate backing. Every decision is made with long-term sustainability, safety and community impact in mind. We support local suppliers where possible, engage with schools and children's groups, and continually seek feedback to improve the customer experience.

Despite increasing competition in the region, Mini Kingdom has built strong customer loyalty through exceptional service, transparent communication, and a clear commitment to quality. Our reviews consistently highlight cleanliness, staff friendliness and the welcoming atmosphere.

We are not simply a play centre — we are a community hub for young families in Yeovil and surrounding villages. Winning this award would recognise the dedication, resilience and standards we uphold every single day.

The winner is

Mini Kingdom Soft Play

Community

This winner operates in the health and fitness sector and put in an excellent entry that outlined its commitment to the people and community of the area.

They said

A key part of our community role is commitment to partnership and opportunity. The club actively supports work experience placements within the community, working closely with local schools to provide meaningful, hands-on learning experiences for young people. In addition, we collaborate with other local sports clubs, sharing expertise and strengthening the wider sporting network across South Somerset. We also offer structured training and development opportunities for young and aspiring coaches, helping to nurture the next generation of sports leaders and providing clear pathways into employment and volunteering.

This dedication to community excellence has recently been recognised on a national stage. We have been awarded National Community Champion Club of the Year by the Independent Gymnastics Association (IGA) – a prestigious honour celebrating outstanding contribution to participation, inclusivity and grassroots sport. The club has also received formal recognition in Parliament, highlighting the significance of its positive influence not only locally, but nationally.

Through its scale, values and unwavering commitment to people we consistently go above and beyond to serve South Somerset. Our not-for-profit ethos and reach across families, schools and sporting organisations make us a truly deserving nominee of Community Business of the Year, representing the very best of what a community-focused organisation can achieve.

The winner is

Orchard Gymnastics

Community

This community asset was nominated for helping local families and people in need.

Nominations included

The volunteers of this organisation help thousands of local people each year with much needed food items so a worthy community winner please.

The winner is

The Lords Larder Foodbank.

OVERALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The judge's choice is a successful business that has served the local community with integrity and compassion for over a century.

They commended them on being professional, efficient and caring.

The winner is

AJ WAKELY & SONS

