

Edinburgh Evening News staff scoop the Johnston Press awards!



Edinburgh Evening News staff are celebrating after scooping several prizes at the first in-house journalism awards run in Scotland by the paper's publishers [according to AllMediaScotland.](#)

In competition with 26 other Johnston Press newspapers in Scotland – including The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday – the Edinburgh Evening News was named as a winner in six out of the eight categories in which it entered.

These awards are a recognition of a strong year at the News, which has broken a series of high-profile stories, including the Mortonhall Crematorium ashes scandal, NHS Lothian, the Edinburgh trams and the Suzanne Pilley murder.

In addition, the paper took full advantage of the first all-Edinburgh cup final in 116 years, producing a series of supplements that led to a sales boost of 40,000 copies in the ten days around the final.

The final also allowed staff to produce a fun video, Go East, which took the innovation award which you can watch again [here](#)....and relive the Scottish Cup frenzy!

Editor, Frank O'Donnell, said:- "This is recognition for the work of all staff on the title, who put in long, long hours to ensure the Edinburgh Evening News punches above its weight.

"Scotland's evening dailies remain strong and continue to produce some of the most important journalism in the country."

According to [a recent BBC Scotland interview](#) with the chief executive, Ashley Highfield, the aim is to introduce local TV to areas not currently served by the BBC, as well as reduce the company borrowing which was reduced by £20m in the last financial year.

The winners' list reads:

Story of the Year in Print and in Digital

Gina Davidson, Edinburgh Evening News

Journalist of the Year

Daniel Sanderson, Edinburgh Evening News

Stacey Mullen, Cumbernauld News/Kirkintilloch Herald Series

Editorial Design Award (front page of the year)

Mark Fearn, The Edinburgh Evening News

Kathryn Dunn and Charlie Cooper, Special Reports, TSPL

Photographer of the Year

Ian Rutherford, The Scotsman Publications

Michael Gillen, The Falkirk Herald

Sports Journalist of the Year

Jennifer Newton, The Arbroath Herald

Eric Mackinnon, The Stornoway Gazette

Best Use of Social Media

Edinburgh Evening News

Innovation Award

The Edinburgh Evening News

Best Use of Digital

Edinburgh Evening News for Edinburgh's Got Talent

Trainee Journalist of the Year

Jenny Kane, The Stornoway Gazette

Title of the Year (small weekly)

The Midlothian Advertiser

Title of the Year (large weekly)

The Falkirk Herald

Community Initiative Award

Fife Free Press

Glasgow South and Eastwood Extra

Sales Team of the Year

Fife sales team

Best Sales Team for Digital Growth

Digital team at TSPL

Managing Director's Award

John Gow, head of Admin Support Unit, TSPL