

Chamber chief Barbour hails 'resilience' of local businesses

The finalists in the Midlothian and East Lothian Business Awards have been revealed by the organisers with over 30 businesses making it to the final with the awards dinner schedule for Thursday, March 7 at Eskmills, Musselburgh.

The awards are a highlight of the business calendar and offer East Lothian and Midlothian businesses the opportunity to promote major achievements and celebrate success.

Keith Barbour, chamber president said: "The chamber team would like to say a huge thank you to every business who entered and the calibre of entries and finalists has been phenomenal.

"This shows just how resilient, innovative and adaptable the East Lothian and Midlothian businesses are to these challenging times."

Finalists are: High Growth Business of the Year: The Aerial Man, Flowcopter Ltd, Ingenza Ltd, MadeByOrocco.

Best Innovation in Business: The Aerial Man, Alive Photos Ltd, Brand Satellite, Melville Golf Centre.

Best Environmental Impacts: Agilico, NSD Labels, Saltire Hospitality, Stewart Brewing.

Best Commitment to Youth Development: CSY Architects, Ingenza Ltd, Pigeon Penguin, Wild Cairns.

Best Community Impact: Midlothian View, Penicuik Storehouse, Teapot Trust SCIO, WanderWomen Scotland.

Best Tourism Business: Dalkeith Country Park, Rosslyn Chapel, Scottish Seabird Centre, WanderWomen Scotland.

Food & Drink Producer of the Year: Belhaven Smokehouse, The

Crumbleologist, Stewart Brewing, Winton Brewery.

Best Eatery: Parrilla Argentinian Grill, The Radhuni, Rosslyn Chapel Coffee Shop (by Saltire Hospitality), Secret Herb Garden Café & Bistro.

Family Business of the Year: The Brand Family, Macmac Cleaning Services Ltd, Saltire Hospitality, True Potential Wealth Management.

New Business of the Year: Fidra Scaffolding Ltd, Gensource, Healthcraft Herbs Ltd, Table Sense Technologies Ltd.

Micro Business of the Year: Beyond Green, Edinburgh Cider Co, Learn to Grow Ltd, Macmac Cleaning Services Ltd, Station House Bakery.

SME of the Year: Audio Light Systems Ltd, CSY Architects, MNB Networks Ltd, Saltire Hospitality.

PICTURE: Flashback to last year's awards ceremony at Eskmills.
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