

# CN Business Awards reveal the best of Cumbria

A bus company, a nuclear lab and a tourist attraction dedicated to one of Britain's favourite authors are among the finalists in the CN Group Business Awards 2011.

Reays Coaches, of Wigton, the National Nuclear Laboratory at Sellafield and the World of Beatrix Potter are all included in the strongest shortlist ever for county's premier business event.

The winners will be revealed at an awards ceremony at Rheged, Penrith, on October 20.

Judges Gerry Woodcock, former HR manager of Workington's Iggesund paperboard mill; Tony Goddard, chief executive of Carlisle's Kingmoor Park industrial estate; and John Grainger, managing director of Invest in Cumbria, sifted through a record number of entries.

After an exhaustive four hour judging session, the trio came up with a shortlist packed full of success stories from every corner of the county and in a myriad of different sectors.

Mr Woodcock said: "I was very impressed by the number of high quality entries, particularly during such a difficult period for the economy.

"It was very difficult to choose between such a large number of excellent applications, but I think we've come up with a very strong shortlist."

The finalists:

Training & Development Award, sponsored by Invest in Cumbria

Expro Connectors & Measurements, Ulverston; Lamont Pridmore, Workington; TIS Cumbria Limited, Workington

Exporter of the Year

Hawkshead Relish Co. Ltd., Hawkshead; Innovia Films, Wigton; Totalpost, Alston

Community Involvement, sponsored by Nuclear Management Partners

Forge Europa Limited, Ulverston; Jennings Brewery, Cockermouth; Westmorland Limited, Orton

Innovation & Technology Award, sponsored by the NDA

Expro Connectors & Measurements, Ulverston; National Nuclear Laboratory, Seascale

Environmental Awareness Award

Expro Connectors & Measurements, Ulverston; Innovia Films, Wigton; Newlands Adventure Centre, Keswick

Innovation in Energy Award

National Nuclear Laboratory, Seascale

## Tourism & Hospitality Award

Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust, Carlisle; Walby Farm Park, Carlisle; The World of Beatrix Potter, Bowness-on-Windermere

Business of the Year (Small), sponsored by the Federation of Small Businesses/Furness Enterprise

Country Puddings, Penrith; Strollers (Cumbria) Limited, Maryport; TIS Cumbria Limited, Workington; Totalpost, Alston

Business of the Year (Medium), sponsored by Invest in Cumbria

Burnetts, Carlisle; Reays. Wigton; The World of Beatrix Potter, Bowness-on-Windermere

Business of the Year (Large), sponsored by Cumberland Building Society

Armstrong Watson, Carlisle; Expro Connectors, Ulverston; H & H Group plc, Carlisle

## Best Business Website

Picture U, Carlisle; South Lakes Hotels, Grange-over-Sands; Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust, Carlisle

## Employee of the Year

James Hocking, Amcor Flexibles Cumbria, Workington; Sally Shrieber, South Lakes Hotels, Kendal

Young Entrepreneur of the Year, sponsored by David Allen

Jeni Banks, May Fifteen Limited, Carlisle; John Graham, Merienda, Cockermouth; Marie Tattersall, Acorns Pre-School, Cleator Moor

Businessperson of the Year, sponsored by Armstrong Watson

Andy Hooper, Westlakes Engineering Limited, Whitehaven; Chris Reay, Reays, Wigton; Joe Wilkinson, J&S Wilkinson, Carlisle

Social Enterprise Award, sponsored by University of Cumbria

Cumbria Recycling, Workington; St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston; Whitehaven, Egremont & District Credit Union, Whitehaven

## Lifetime Contribution to Cumbria

Rob Cairns, Furness Building Society, Barrow