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Doncaster duo claim Chamber Awards success

A fledgling legal practice and a new training network are proving that 'Business is Good for Britain' after securing two of the main titles in the Yorkshire and Humber heats of the Chamber Awards 2012.

Shore Stewart beat off challengers from across the region to win the Most Promising New Business Award (Sponsored by BT Business), with Tony Sykes impressing the judges to land the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' title.

The latter, a member of Doncaster Chamber of Commerce, has played an influential role in the development of INATIV, a unique CPC Driver Training Programme.

Working with business partner Martin Wraith, the Doncaster businessman has successfully created an experienced network of 20 training providers to deliver industry-leading courses, under licence, for the good vehicle and passenger transport sectors.

A focus on quality has led to an agreement with City & Guilds to develop a new Certificate & Diploma qualification for drivers based around existing course syllabus and materials.

President of the British Chambers of Commerce Martyn Pellew said: "There has never been a more important time for businesses to showcase the amazing work they are doing on a day-to-day basis.

"The Chamber Awards is a perfect platform for them to do just that and receive the recognition and profile they deserve for helping move the economy forward and create employment, often in local areas."

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) Chamber Awards 2012 is committed to finding the best businesses in Britain through a series of regional heats followed by a National Final, due to be held at London's Guildhall on November 29th.

Now in its 9th year, the competition is one of the showcase events for the 'Business is Good for Britain' campaign that highlights the role of business as a positive force for the UK recovery and the success of local communities and individuals.

Located in Cavendish Court in Doncaster, Shore Stewart was formed in February 2011 by Directors Kate Stewart and Michelle Shore.

The niche law firm acts mainly for SMEs in employment law and commercial litigation and, following extensive networking and marketing, now represents more than 100 clients.

Using experience gained at other legal practices, the enterprising duo is seeing demand for its client-centred, no legal jargon approach grow rapidly, with turnover increasing month on month.

Other successful companies in Yorkshire and Humber included:

- Brandon Medical Company (Excellence in Innovation)
- Freshney Place Shopping Centre (Marketing Campaign of the Year)
- HBP Systems (Commitment to People Development)
- Ramsden International (Business of the Year and Achievement in International Business)
- St Stephen's Shopping Centre (Sustainability Award)
- The Weston Group (Excellence in Customer Service)

The Yorkshire and Humber winners will now go forward and compete in their respective categories in the Grand Final, with the chance to win £25,000 and the title of "Outstanding Business Achievement", courtesy of the RBS Group.

Martyn concluded: "A record number of firms have taken part this year, all determined to prove that 'Business is Good for Britain!'"

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