



SEDGEMOOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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2023

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Welcome

Welcome to the Sedgemoor Business Excellence Awards.

It's been a long wait to get here but we're finally here to celebrate our incredible local business community and it's fantastic to see everybody in person and looking so glamorous.

Thank you to every business that entered, the judges certainly had their work cut out so well done to all of our finalists.

We would also like to thank all of our sponsors, many of whom are previous award winners, for their generosity. Without them we simply could not hold events such as this.

We've got a tremendous night planned for you so all that's just left is for me to say good luck, enjoy the evening, have some great conversations with friends old and new and be inspired by the amazing local successes we're all going to share tonight.

Diogo Rodrigues
Manager

Evening Agenda

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| 6 - 7pm | VIP Reception by invitation only sponsored by Zeal Hotels |
| 7pm | Doors open to all guests |
| 7:30pm | 3 course meal served |
| 9:20pm | Opening speech from Chamber Manager |
| 9:25pm | Main Event Sponsor speaker Pardoes & Purely Probate |
| 9:30pm | Presentation of Award winners' part 1 – hosted by Dave Englefield of Sedgemoor FM |
| 10:15 - 10:30pm | Interval <i>(Don't forget to have those professional photos taken)</i> |
| 10:30pm | Guest speaker - Ian Liddell-Grainger MP |
| 10:45pm | Presentation of Award Winners part 2 |
| 11:20pm | Closing speech Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce Chairman |
| 11:25pm | Local entertainment |
| 12:30am | Bar closes |
| 1am | Doors close |

*All times are approximate



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Why We Do It

We all know it is good to receive a pat on the back occasionally and for businesses, it can make a huge difference to staff morale and customer confidence when they gain public recognition.

The Sedgemoor Business Excellence Awards have been run for several years with the aim of rewarding companies, enterprises and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to the growth and prosperity of the district.

If you would like to play a part in acknowledging and sharing their achievements, we have some great sponsorship packages for you that ensure you and your business are seen as champions of local success.



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Pardoes Solicitors has always played a key role in the Bridgwater community and intends to continue to do so lead by a strong new board who are specialists in their chosen field, - including a COO who is a Chartered Accountant with experience in growing law firms and a Chairman & investor who owns a private equity company and is a business strategist.

We recognise that each and every person in our business is crucial to our success and so we invest in career progression, development and training to support our team and realise their full potential. We are proud of our record as a local business owner, providing employment and access to a career in law to many people from around Bridgwater and Somerset.

We are delighted to be the main sponsor of this prestigious event which showcases local businesses with Purely Probate Limited with whom we share common values as we both recognise that our reputation rests not only on what we do, but how we do it, the consistency of our actions and the passion with which we live our brand. Our strong record of 5 star reviews, we hope evidences our commitment to deliver expert legal advice, with an exceptional level of personal service for individuals, families and businesses: protecting their interests now and in the future.

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Purely Probate is a niche firm of solicitors, specialising in Wills, Probate (the legal process after someone dies), Lasting Powers of Attorney and Trusts. We have a depth of experience and expertise in our team, which includes 4 solicitors and 2 legal executives. We put our clients first. We are personable and friendly, as well as being skilled in what we do.

Purely Probate was founded by Judith Derbyshire in 2011. She was Company Secretary and Head of Legal at Clarks Shoes for the previous 21 years. She decided to set up Purely Probate after a disappointing experience dealing with a firm of generalist solicitors following the death of her brother in law.

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ibis Bridgwater is a 144 bedroom hotel at Junction 23 of the M5, urban and contemporary designed with everything you might need to enjoy a comfortable stay without the fuss. At ibis Bridgwater they love VIPs (Very Important Pets) so no member of the family needs to be left behind, your four legged friend can travel with you. As a business if you book accommodation in the area please contact Director of Sales - Emma, about corporate rates.

Holiday Inn Express Bridgwater is a 138 bedroom hotel at Junction 24 of the M5. The hotel's modern rooms come equipped with air-conditioning and walk-in showers. Sleep soundly, in a comfy bed with a plush duvet, plus conveniently placed USB and electrical outlets, so you and your devices can wake up rested and ready for the day ahead.

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Walpole Dunn has been supporting the growth and prosperity of Bridgwater and Sedgemoor businesses since its establishment in 2016.



We offer a range of compliance and consultative services to businesses large and small in the area, always based on our own business values of being solution-focussed; providing personal service; and remaining transparent with our fees.

Sedgemoor stands out as a hub of local business due to its wealth of community-focussed employers and innovative businesses across a diverse range of industries. Walpole Dunn is proud to support Sedgemoor businesses and this excellent opportunity to celebrate them all.

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We are a friendly family run business that provides a highly personalised and comprehensive Financial Planning service. Our ethos is to build long term, trusted relationships with individuals, families, and business owners in Somerset and the surrounding areas.

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West Country Drainage Services are your local drainage and water experts.



We give a healthy 10% discount to all our local residents to help support Bridgwater's support local campaign. We also support local charities and companies in Bridgwater so you can be safe in the knowledge that not only are you getting the best for your money but so is the local community.

We can help you with any drainage issue including CCTV, repairs (including non dig methods) sewage treatment plant servicing and installations, septic tank emptying and installations. We also carry out water repairs including moling and water pipe renewal.

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Zeal Hotels

Mindfully Modern Proud owners of the two largest hotels in Bridgwater.



Zeal teamed up with a local gin distillery E18hteen Gin to create 'Zeal Gin' & 'Musketeer Gin' to celebrate the opening of both Bridgwater hotels; the Holiday Inn Express and the ibis Bridgwater.

Zeal Gin is a handcrafted London Dry Gin (40%) with the fresh taste of oranges and lime. The distinctive flavour is fused from Seville's finest oranges alongside the zesty taste of lime.

Musketeer Gin (30%) is a spiced cinnamon & orange flavoured gin, sweet tasting with a hint of cinnamon. It is so good you don't even need a tonic - just ice and slice.

Both gins are available in Keepers Kitchen and Bar in ibis Bridgwater or online at zealgin.com

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Award Categories

Large Business of the Year

Apprentice/Workplace Trainee of the Year

Food and Drink Business of the Year

Bridgwater Independent Trader/Retailer

Best Employer of the Year

Medium Business of the Year

Best use of Marketing Award

Community Engagement Award

Sustainable Business of the Year

Hospitality and Tourism Business of the Year

Innovative Business of the Year

New Business of the Year

Small Business of the Year

Family Business of the Year

Best use of Digital Award

Customer Service Excellence Award

Business Champion of the Year

Large Business of the Year

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Sustainable Business of the Year

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Sansum Solutions Group Limited

Sansum Solutions Group Limited (Sansum), are an innovative commercial cleaning contractor, specialising in public sector contracts including educational and NHS settings. Sansum deliver a complete solutions-based cleaning, caretaking and compliance package developing its site management and security operations standing by their cultural ethos “to employ great people delivering a fantastic service to our valued customers.



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Little Adventures Nursery Group

Little Adventures Nursery Group, headquartered in Bridgwater comprises of 7 multi-award-winning settings. Little Adventures is a Top 20 UK Nursery group through focusing on doing things differently with unrivalled facilities, an ambitious curriculum as well as the use of innovative technology which puts the parent partnership at the heart of everything that we do.



Presona UK Ltd

Presona is the leading manufacturer of Balers, conveyors and other associated equipment within the recycling industry. Presona’s vision to see a world where recycling just works, ensures that their customers get the product and service that meets the high-end standards they require and deserve – often being referred to as the “Rolls Royce” of Balers.



Tractors and Cream

Tractors & Cream is a family friendly glamping site on the Somerset Levels with 6 geodesic domes for glamping and an event dome. Guests are invited to relax in a hammock while their children enjoy the freedom of 6 acres of meadow and indoor and outdoor play areas. Marshmallows around the campfire are compulsory!



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TEALS

Situated amidst the serene landscapes of Somerset, Teals is not just your average farm shop. It stands out for its unwavering commitment to sustainability and eco-friendly practices. From the construction of the building to the management of waste, Teals has implemented a range of initiatives that prioritise the environment. More than just a place to buy fresh, locally sourced produce; they wanted to create a hub for people to meet and be nourished. With a focus on fostering relationships between local producers and the people of Somerset, as well as visitors passing through, Teals aims to create a thriving and interconnected community.



Taylor Sealy West Country Drainage Services

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Food and Drink Business of the Year

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Innovative Business of the Year

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Dryad Gin

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Greenway Farm

Greenway Farm is a proprietor-led business sitting at the heart of its local community. Described as a 'hidden gem', it offers a 365° experience based on the solid principles of a warm welcome, friendly & efficient customer service, tasty food and a 'home from home' atmosphere that is surely unique.



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New Business of the Year

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Optimise Workplace Wellbeing Limited

As a Therapist, Teacher, Coach and Founder of Optimise Workplace Wellbeing Ltd, I'm an advocate for, and passionate about improving the Health & Wellbeing of employees in Workplaces across Somerset.



We work collaboratively with clients to implement meaningful wellbeing strategies into the workplace that will enhance employee engagement, increase morale, improve retention and reduce absenteeism.

Styles Menswear

Styles menswear was founded in 2020 by my self, Paul, originally located at the indoor shopping centre Bridgwater. We hit the ground running and have grown We are now located at no5 east quay Bridgwater.

We always new it would make a progressive impact based on the lack of men's clothing Stores within the town. We have continued to be a success and we hope to still do so in the future with other styles stores on the horizon.



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Best Employer of the Year

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Small Business of the Year (1-5 Employees)

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Somewhere House Ltd

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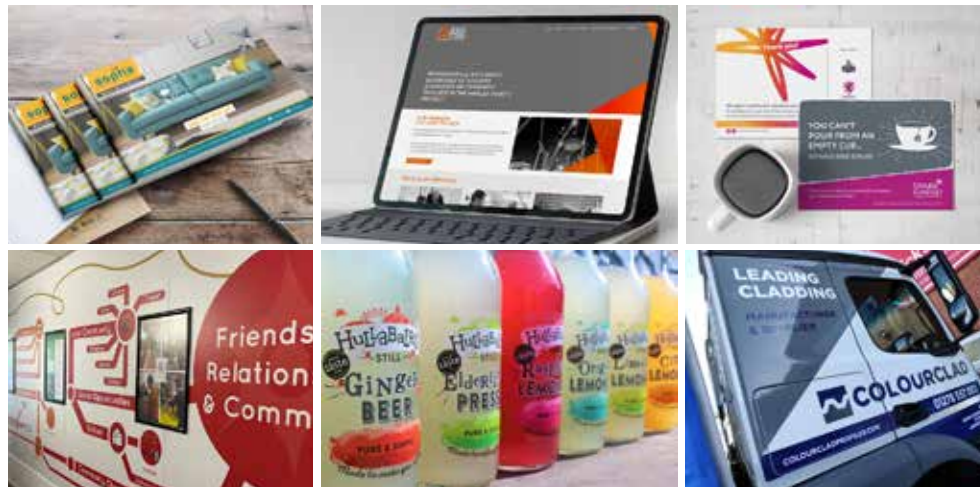
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Hurd & Co

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Having recognised the challenge of securing excellent private client services in the region, Pardoes Solicitors is proud to welcome Purely Probate Limited with its additional 10 strong team who are not only genuine specialists in their field (dealing with simple to highly complex estates) but whose ethos is to offer solutions and care for each of its clients on an individual basis.



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Family Business of the Year

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Ocean Adventurers Group

Ocean Adventurers Indoor Play centre in Cheddar is multi-award-winning indoor play centre, dedicated to providing an interactive and immersive environment for children up to the age of 12 to set their imaginations free! Set within 14,000sq ft of fun and interactivity, there is so much to see and do!



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We are passionate about our customers' home improvement journey and take pride in offering exceptional service. Our commitment to excellence drives us to exceed our customers' expectations, ensuring the highest quality work possible.



Aardvark Occupational Health

Aardvark is run by former GP with eighteen years' experience Dr Catherine Lewis, with the aim of helping as many companies care for their employees as possible across the South West.

We offer services such as Health Surveillance, Safety Critical Medicals, Management Referrals, and our Health and Wellbeing Initiative.



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Best use of Marketing Award

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Ruddle Digital

Ruddle Digital is a Bridgwater-based marketing agency, with a passion for helping businesses, large and small, specialising in pinpointing target audiences and crafting captivating marketing journeys. From conversion to customer retention and up selling, Ruddle Digital excels in SEO, PPC, and all areas of marketing, working with businesses as their outsourced, internal marketing team.



Sedgemoor FM

Neil Fellowes is the Marketing Director at our local radio station, Sedgemoor fm. With over 20 years of marketing experience, he has a passion for helping businesses that make a difference or that are pillars of the local community.



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Fuse Performance and Somerset Outdoor Arts

FUSE make and create arts projects, festivals, and events, bringing people and place together to celebrate, culture, diversity, and inclusivity. Fuse has worked in Bridgwater and across Sedgemoor for over 15 years, working with the creativity of local communities, and creating opportunities to develop arts projects, festivals and events and in the creation and production of the Bridgwater Quayside Festival.



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Poolbridge Accountancy Limited

Poolbridge Accountancy offers a wide range of taxation, accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll services to businesses and individuals.



Our priority is to provide a great service, quality advice and be forward thinking by using the latest technology. We understand that every business is different so provide a bespoke package of services that fits each businesses requirement.

Bridgwater United Community Sports Trust

Bridgwater United Community Sports Trust aims to provide all members of the local community with the opportunity to access quality sport, physical activity, and wellbeing provision whatever their age, gender or ethnicity.



Whilst using football as the driving force we aim to increase participation in schools, improve health and wellbeing, while developing programmes that engage the whole of the community.

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Jason Woodcock Sansum Solutions Group Ltd

An experienced Business leader with an entrepreneur spirit, currently running Sansum Solutions Group, not Monkeys Recruitment and Somerset Business Consultants Limited, I enjoy the business life and all it throws at me, also part of the Somerset Business Mentors Group, I enjoy supporting people around me and listening to their success stories.



Leanne Jeanes West Country Drainage Services

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