Over 300 people, representing 54 businesses, attended the prestigious Havering Business Awards Gala on Friday 7 October, which was hosted by Leader of the Council, Councillor Ramsey, and took place at the CEME Conference Centre in Rainham.

Thirty two of Havering’s finest businesses competed for thirteen awards. Councillor Roger Ramsey said, “It was an opportunity to celebrate the success and fantastic contribution our businesses make towards Havering. The Council is committed to supporting local businesses and that the borough is a vibrant place with good opportunities for a growing economy. Entrepreneurial spirit has been demonstrated by all of this year’s finalists and it has been no mean feat to demonstrate their successes and business acumen. Thank you to all the sponsors, finalists and winners for their contribution and making the twelfth Havering Business Awards a tremendous success.”

The main award of the evening went to Crafty Arts Ltd as they picked up the Havering Business of the Year Award in addition to the Excellent Customer Service Award. Natasha Necati, the Marketing and Accounts Manager at Crafty Arts said: “We were blown away! The award shows what we have achieved over the last 25 years. We are so proud and blessed to have such an awesome team. It was our third time of entering and so we’re doubly delighted to pick up two awards!”

Time 107.5 FM sponsored the Business of the Year Award and Station Manager, Lorna Waters, said: “Every year we say how great it is to be involved with the Havering Business Awards and again this year we have to say what a phenomenal event it is. Everything about the Awards and the ceremony is put together so well it really is something Havering should be proud of. Havering has some amazing businesses that have developed here over the years and some of the winners this year had applied before and not actually won so it was encouraging to see them entering and winning this year.”

A big thank you to all our proud supporters

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Havering 2016 Business Awards Winners

1. **Growing Business of the Year Award**
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2. **Employer of the Year Award**
   - OpenView Security Solutions Ltd
   - Sponsor: Havering College of Further & Higher Education

3. **Small Business of the Year Award**
   - Purple Valentine Aesthetics Ltd
   - Sponsor: SEGRO Plc

4. **New Business of the Year Award**
   - Heavenly Ladies Gym & Spa Ltd
   - Sponsor: Chigwell Construction Ltd

5. **Apprentice of the Year Award**
   - Nancy Brincat – Doggie Delights
   - Sponsor: Neopost UK Ltd

6. **Business Person of the Year Award**
   - Dan Evans – Evans Insurance Brokers Ltd
   - Sponsor: NC Construction Services Ltd

7. **Innovation Award**
   - The Quadrant
   - Sponsor: Coborn Engineering Co Ltd

8. **Excellent Customer Service Award**
   - Crafty Arts Ltd
   - Sponsor: Metro Security (GB) Plc

9. **Corporate Social Responsibility Excellence Award**
   - Hambro Roofing Ltd
   - Sponsor: London City Airport

10. **London Digital Innovation Award**
    - Uber Plumbers Ltd
    - Sponsor: Romford Recorder

11. **Retail Business of the Year Award**
    - Marvling Bros Ltd
    - Sponsor: Geraud Markets (UK) Ltd

12. **Highly Commended Award**
    - Valor Hospitality Europe Ltd
    - Pinney Talfourd Solicitors
    - Sponsor: Serco Group Plc

13. **Business of the Year Award**
    - Crafty Arts Ltd
    - Sponsor: Time 107.5 FM

Thanks to Scott James

We were pleased to have Scott James, Director, Commercial & Private Banking for NatWest Bank as the Ratification Chair this year. His role this year included ratifying the decisions of the award judges and to also make the final decision for the Highly Commended and Business of the Year winners.
Inspiring new start-up businesses in Havering

The Retailery

Thanks to funding from the Mayor's High Street Fund, Made Public have joined forces with Havering Council to build a creative business hub in the heart of Romford.

The Retailery is a creative hub for makers, thinkers and doers, that we believe will revolutionise the high street. Whether you sell cupcakes, coffee, crafts or clothes you will be the perfect fit for our retail area, a space which is dedicated to providing inexpensive retail and finance & business units to start-up vendors.

We also offer business solutions for office based start-ups, including affordable fixed desk space, a hot desking area and a unique, fully equipped meeting room.

Housed on Romford Market in what was previously known as Pacific Edge nightclub, The Retailery promises to offer innovative opportunities to all, as well as free business support to all of our tenants.

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The Workary Rainham

The Workary in Rainham is a brand new Council-backed, affordable community-based co-working hub for entrepreneurs, freelancers, start-ups and small businesses. As a Community Interest Company, The Workary’s aim is to provide local people a supportive, inspiring environment where they can make their business dreams a reality and ultimately contribute to the economic growth of the area through both the creation of new jobs and the provision of great new products and services.

Rainham Library was the first choice to be a new Workary site because of its great location, helpful outgoing staff and versatile building space. Since opening its doors a few months ago, the library has been working hard to help acquire new members.

Working together with Havering Council who part funded the project, The Workary is currently planning similar community development initiatives to those it has previously implemented in other boroughs; from coding workshops for children to free business networking events for local Rainham residents as well as hiring local interns to assist with community development. The Workary staff will also be collaborating with the library to run creative writing workshops and other fun, educational events for those living in the area.
Businesses to invest in Havering

The CEME Launchpad Centre
An inspirational environment for technology business growth

The Centre for Engineering and Manufacturing Excellence, Havering Council and The Greater London Authority are working together to support growth in start-up and early stage businesses from the manufacturing, engineering and technology (MET) sector in a new state of the art hub on the campus at CEME – The Launchpad Centre.

Funded by The London Regeneration Fund, the new Launchpad Centre will open in January 2017 as a state-of-the-art micro business accelerator for Manufacturing Engineering and Technology (MET) businesses. It will consist of 15 small offices (1-4 person) plus a large, ultra-modern co-working space with super-fast connectivity. A resident entrepreneur will work with the businesses to help them grow.

To support the tech community in Havering as well as businesses wishing to move in to the borough, CEME is offering a 25 percent discount on the first three months’ rent for hot desks or office space in the Launchpad Centre.

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“...death was an everyday occurrence. We learned to live with death. The problem is to adjust to life, to living. You must teach us about living.”

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