

The Isle of Wight's best businesses in the running for awards

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THE stage is set for the Island's business event of the year — The Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Business Awards for Excellence.

The chamber has revealed the shortlist for its annual awards ceremony, which is a black-tie gala evening at Cowes Yacht Haven, on November 21.

There are nominations in three separate categories for Betapak, In2Action and Shanklin Theatre.

Shortlisted in two categories are

JR Zone, Liz Earle Beauty Company, The Mobile Vet and Wight Karting. The winners of Member Of The Year, Business Person Of The Year and Business of The Year will also be named.

IW Chamber chief executive Kevin Smith said "This year we received a record number of applications for our Business Awards, the standard of which was extremely high, which gave the awards panel the very difficult task of shortlisting candidates.

"The entries that have been shortlisted show a high degree of innovation combined with a keen focus on business and consumer services, they embody excellence by demonstrating passion and dedication to their work."

Pat Sharp will be the special guest with entertainment from The Mix party band.

The nominees are:

New Business Award, sponsored by Glanvilles — Bodster Equine Assisted Learning Community Interest Company, West Wight Alpacas and Wight Karting

Isle of Wight Lottery Small Business Award, sponsored by Liz Earle Beauty Co. Ltd — Betapak, Innovative Physics, JR Zone

Eco Business Award, sponsored by Southern Vectis — Ninham Country Holidays, Red Funnel Ferries and Ventnor Botanic Garden

Team Development Award, sponsored by Hovertravel — Gurit UK, Liz Earle Beauty Co. Ltd and Shanklin Theatre

Social Investment Award, sponsored by Wightlink — Betapak, JR Zone and Shanklin Theatre

Manufacturing and New Technology Award, sponsored by IFPL — PC Consultants and Red Composites (UK) Ltd

International Business Award, sponsored by Moore Stephens — Marine Data Systems Ltd, Yokogawa Marex Ltd and Zeta-pdm

Customer Service Award, sponsored by Lloyds BankCardnet — In2Action, JR Zone and The Mobile Vet

Visitor Attraction Award, sponsored by PC Consultants — English Heritage (Osborne), Shanklin Theatre and Wight Karting

Tourism, Leisure and Hospitality Award, sponsored by Red Funnel — In2Action, Nettlecombe Farm Holidays and Shanklin Theatre

Young Entrepreneur Award, sponsored by WightFibre — The Mobile Vet and Wisson Stump Removal

Professional and Business Services Award, sponsored by Lucas Fettes — Betapak, In2Action, Real Employment Law Advice

Retail and Service Industry Award, sponsored by Steve Porter Transport Group — In2action and Liz Earle Beauty Co. Ltd.



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