



Brentwood Business Awards

The Brentwood Business Awards celebrated the very best of local business, recognising the talent, dedication and success that make Brentwood such a vibrant place to work and do business.

The exciting awards evening was full of anticipation as finalists awaited the results across 10 categories, including the coveted Brentwood Business of the Year award. Full of atmosphere, the ceremony was a real highlight of the year for the local business community.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners for their outstanding achievements.

A special thank you goes to [Pinney Talfourd Solicitors](#), our Headline Sponsor, and [PhoenixFM](#), our Media Sponsor. Both have supported the awards since their launch in 2018, helping to make this annual celebration possible.



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Carmel Jane Photography Wins the Brentwood Business of the Year 2026 Award

Congratulations to [Carmel Jane Photography](#) for winning the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award 2026.

Kate from Carmel Jane Photography said,

“Winning Business of the Year has given our whole team such a wonderful boost. It’s a proud moment that recognises the care and commitment behind our work and it inspires us to keep growing and supporting even more schools and families with these special memories.”

For over 12 years their gold standard approach to children’s photography has consistently delivered images that parents want to own and students are proud of. Their school photography cultivates a true sense of student belonging and personal pride. They provide parents with stunning photos and schools with outstanding service.

A truly deserved recognition of Carmel Jane Photography’s drive for excellence and achievement. Our hope is that this award continues to raise their profile across the wider community, ensuring their future success and contribute to even greater triumphs ahead.



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OVERALL BUSINESS
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Consider Applying for an Award in 2027



The Brentwood Business Awards are open to individuals, companies and organisations of all sizes and sectors as long as they are based in, or doing business in, the Borough of Brentwood. Applicants are invited to enter a maximum of two categories and the winners are decided by each of the independent category sponsors.

Reasons to apply

- Shortlisted finalists have a great opportunity for publicity, with the awards in many areas trending locally on social media and in the local press. Consider the impact that placing the phrase 'award winning' could have on your PR and marketing efforts.
- Entering the Awards forces you to stop and reflect on your successes and what you have achieved. It can also give you ideas for taking your business to the next level. However, the applications have been designed in a simple format so they don't take too long to complete.
- Awards can help you benchmark your business against your peers both locally and nationally.
- Entering the Brentwood Business Awards is free and you have nothing to lose. Just being shortlisted for the final is a remarkable achievement and it could lead to local success and recognition.
- As a shortlisted finalist you are offered a free place to attend the awards, which is always a fantastic evening.

Consider Sponsoring an Award in 2027

Our headline sponsors, [Pinney Talfourd Solicitors](#) said, "Pinney Talfourd LLP is dedicated to supporting local businesses and entrepreneurial talent, making the Brentwood Business Awards an ideal opportunity to connect with new enterprises." Steve Roach from our Media Sponsor, [PhoenixFM](#) said, "Phoenix FM are delighted to once again be the media partner for The Brentwood Business Awards. We're proud to have been involved from the start and to watch the awards grow into the highlight of the business calendar for the Borough of Brentwood."

Category Sponsorship Offers

- Your logo appearing on the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce website
- 2 x complimentary tickets to the awards ceremony
- Your representative presenting your category's award at the ceremony
- Your logo on your category's marketing material and awards evening slide(s)
- Full page advert in the printed event program
- Promotion of your sponsorship on the Chamber's social media channels and email marketing database
- Promotion on PhoenixFM
- Banners can be displayed at the Awards Ceremony and the Summer Barbecue

Grow Your Business by Joining the Chamber

If you're a local business, we invite you to take advantage of the Chamber's valuable program. It's a great way to connect locally and expand your opportunities. Ready to join?

Email us at: office@BrentwoodChamber.co.uk



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History of the Awards

The idea of holding Brentwood's own Business Awards to celebrate local achievements was born out of an informal discussion at one of our monthly Business Breakfasts.

Paul Gulley had just joined the Chamber's Executive Committee and had been a judge for the Essex Business Awards so was the obvious choice to take this concept forward. We formed a small team from the Executive Committee members, Paul Gulley (Handelsbanken), Steve Ackroyd (Metro Bank) and Laurie Edmonds (who was then running her own media consultancy). They met in the Spread Eagle pub and formulated a concept and format for the awards including 8 categories.

After producing a budget, they started the process of obtaining business partners and sponsors for the 'new' and as yet 'untested' 2017 'Business Awards'. They managed to secure the support and services of Phoenix FM as the media partner and then signed up eight category sponsors from the local business community – quite an ask, when we had

no track record to promote but those first eight businesses showed faith in the concept!

We also needed a main sponsor so we invited a number of local businesses to pitch for this role. There was a rich pool of candidates but, based on their pitch, the executive committee chose Pinney Talfourd Solicitors as our first main sponsor.

The application process went live in the Spring of 2018. We vigorously promoted the awards and applications started to come in. The sponsors commenced the judging process and the finalists were chosen.

We then had to organise the awards dinner; table plans, entertainment, menu choices, audio visual services, photos, certificates and trophies and awards.

In November we held the first black tie awards dinner at Hutton Mount Banqueting Suite, 170 people attended, including the finalists, their friends and family, the local Borough Council, the sponsors and numerous guests. The evening was a great success, we had pulled it off and that is where the story started.



Ignite Business Communication (left), the first winners of the Brentwood Business of the Year Award, presented by Philip Cockram, Managing Partner of Headline Sponsors, Pinney Talfourd (right).



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR PREVIOUS WINNERS

2018 Ignite Business Communications	2019 Baker Labels	2021 SNAP	2022 Zest Recycle	2023 MJ Bushell	2024 The Treehouse Club	2025 Nuclear Races
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