

# Society Recognised for Training With Business Award

**The Society has been recognised with a business based award for its training programmes.**

The internal training team, headed by Training Manager, Janice Richardson, were proud to display their trophies, having been nominated for, and subsequently achieving, the training section of the Barnsley Business Awards 2006.

The category, sponsored by the Learning Skills Council, required local Barnsley based

organisations to be able to demonstrate that their staff training programmes fully answered the requirements of the business, developed the workforce in innovative ways and were fully appreciated by those who took part.

The award was received by Janice Richardson, at the ceremony which took place at Brooklands Hotel, hosted by BBC presenter and journalist, Clare Frisby and local business woman, Alison Fletcher.

Janice commented 'We are so pleased to have been recognised in this way, as we spend a great deal of time and effort planning our training programmes to be both informative and interesting. The Society has a strong commitment towards corporate social responsibility and we are able to combine development of staff alongside our extensive community programme, so there are winners on both sides.'

The Society's award submission detailed the way in which the training plans answer the requirements of the corporate plan, how training programmes are developed in a way that develops both staff skills and provides a service to the local community, through Business in the Community's Cares Challenges and that business planning is communicated to the staff through a number of channels, one of which being the training schedule. As regulation within the industry has grown in recent years, the team operate an online training programme ensuring all staff are kept up to date with, and tested on, issues and changes.



Janice Richardson receiving the award on behalf of the Society, from Clare Frisby.

To qualify, assessors interviewed staff about their training requirements, how training had benefited them as individuals, then following that through to the impact precision training has on business expectations and targets.

The Society is rightly proud of its commitment towards the provision of first class customer service and the team are now planning for 2007, with their aim being to keep achieving in the future.

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