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**28 March 2025**

**Hardwick Hall Hotel**

**SMALL BUSINESS OF**

**THE YEAR AWARD**

Entry form and award criteria

**ABOUT THE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**The SME of the Year Award will be presented to the small-medium sized company that can best demonstrate a successful approach to developing their sales to the process sector.

Tell us about your journey - we want to hear how you cracked the process sector! From sector interaction; business growth – in terms of both sales and jobs; product or service development; your demonstration of sheer ambition and commitment to winning business.

But don’t leave it there. We’d also love to hear about any other activities your business and staff are involved with. Are you sponsoring an apprentice or supporting a young person into work? Is your business working with the local community or are your employees raising funds for local charities – if so, tell us how.

As well as receiving a trophy to mark the winner’s success at the prestigious NEPIC Annual Awards Dinner, held at Hardwick Hall on the evening of Friday 28 March 2025, the winning organisation will also receive £2,000\* to donate to a local school of their choice to fund a science related project.  
  
**“WE RAE DELIGHTED TO WIN THE AWARD. WE HAVE HUGE ASPIRATIONS OF GROWTH ON THE CARDS AND IT’S GREAT TO BE RECOGNISED IN THE INDUSTRY”.**Gordon Nelson of IKM Consulting, previous winner of the Small Business of the Year award

**How to enter:**  
  
Please complete the entry form below in full, ensuring you answer each of the 5 criteria.

Completed forms should be submitted electronically, clearly stating your name and chosen category on the top of the document, no later than the entry deadline of  
**Friday 17 January 2025** to [awards@nepic.co.uk](mailto:awards@nepic.co.uk).

**We wish you the very best of luck with your entry!**

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Entry form**

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| **Company Details** |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| Job Title |  |
| Company Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Telephone No. |  |
| Mobile No. |  |
| E-mail Address |  |
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| **Your Nominated School** |  |
| School Name |  |
| School Contact |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Telephone No. |  |
| E-mail Address |  |

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**Part 2: Award Criteria**

**Please provide a supporting statement for each of the 5 criteria.**

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| 1. Please give a background overview of your company and how your involvement in the industry. |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. How has your business grown? This could be in terms of sales, jobs and product expansion/development. |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. Please demonstrate an example of collaboration with another company that is relevant to the sector. |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. What activities are your business or staff involved in to support your Corporate Social Responsibility or commitment to helping your local community? |
| Type answer… |

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| 1. What are your plans for developing your business over the next 3-5 years? |
| Type answer… |