

# 2026 SHORTLIST

HEADLINE SPONSOR **BERNICA**

**SMALL BUSINESS  
OF THE YEAR (REGIONAL)**

**CrowdHouse Energy**

**Southern Asset  
Management**

**Tom Walker and Sons  
Ltd**

**Towne Lifting and  
Testing**

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**INTUIT**

**LARGER BUSINESS  
OF THE YEAR (REGIONAL)**

**Eldon Square**

**Muckle LLP**

**Ramside Hall Hotel,  
Golf & Spa**

**Ward Hadaway LLP**

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**COMMUNITY BUSINESS  
OF THE YEAR (REGIONAL)**

**AV Dawson**

**Maldron Hotel  
Newcastle**

**Media Cultured**

**Radisson Blu Durham**

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**BUSINESS LEADER OF  
THE YEAR (REGIONAL)**

**Andrew Broadbent**  
New College Durham

**Helen Cowie**  
Eldon Square

**Sarah House**  
OCDC Cleaners Ltd

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**CUSTOMER EXCELLENCE  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(REGIONAL)**

**Coffee Design**

**Integrated Utility  
Services**

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**RISING STAR  
(REGIONAL)**

**Dylan Bingham**  
CrowdHouse Energy

**Kayleigh Reid**  
Apexon

**Meg Hardiman**  
Community Foundation  
North East

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**GREEN INNOVATION  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(NATIONAL)**

**Dalton Park Outlet &  
Outdoors**

**Esh Group**

**SPARK Robotics**

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(NATIONAL)**

**Metec Cathodic  
Protection Ltd**

**NCFE**

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**START UP AND GROW  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(NATIONAL)**

**North East Escapes**

**Skylark Asset Finance**

**SPELK.**

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**DIGITAL AND  
TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS  
OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL)**

**Alt Labs**

**Care Messenger  
Holdings Ltd**

**razorblue Group Ltd**

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**PEOPLE AND WORK  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(NATIONAL)**

**Global Procurement  
Group**

**Osbit Ltd**

**RS Industrial Services**

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**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
(REGIONAL)**

**This business will be selected from all winners in this year's business awards as the most exceptional from the region's business community.**

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