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DavyMarkham Picks Up Three Top Business Awards

Engineering heavyweight DavyMarkham scored a notable hat-trick in the 2009 Sheffield Business Awards, the Steel City's most prestigious business event. The company won the title Barclays Commercial Bank Outstanding Business Of The Year, while its managing director, Kevin Parkin, was named Rensburg Sheppards Business Person Of The Year. It also received the Creative Sheffield, Sheffield Champion Award for its work in promoting the city's manufacturing heritage and world-class products.



Kevin Parkin (right) Business Person Of The Year

The event, which was organised by the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and compered by TV personality Paul Ross, was held at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre and attended by more than 500 guests. There were around 150 submissions for the fifteen different award categories, making it the biggest and best supported to date.

The award for Outstanding Business Of The Year, selected only from those shortlisted for other categories, was for the company best able to demonstrate commercial leadership and vision, as well as successful performance against business plan. DavyMarkham enjoyed record sales revenue in 2009, increased its workforce numbers from 160 to 220 employees, forged greatly improved internal communications and, despite the downturn, maintained its commitment to apprentice training. Kevin Parkin was recognised as Business Person Of The Year for his outstanding contribution to DavyMarkham's exceptional business performance.

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“These titles are rewards for our combined hard work and determination over the past twelve months and beyond,” says Kevin. “Although I have been named individually, both awards are a tribute to the entire workforce, because if apprentices, machine operators, welders, fabricators, designers, sales engineers, project managers and others hadn’t worked to the utmost of their abilities, we wouldn’t have survived, let alone achieve record figures.”

The final Sheffield Champion award recognised DavyMarkham as an effective ambassador for the city and the Made In Sheffield symbol, which the company proudly displays on its corporate branding and marketing material. A successful ongoing PR programme, the use of iconic Sheffield images in its presentations and literature, and routinely playing host to visiting politicians, business groups, local organisations and schools, all contributed toward a highly proactive campaign on behalf of the city and its manufacturing expertise.

“We are huge supporters of the Made In Sheffield initiative and take every opportunity to promote it, wherever in the world we do business,” adds Kevin.

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