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Awards in cathedral held to show brilliant work of local businesses

LAST Wednesday evening, I was lucky enough to be presenting an award at the Chelmsford For You 2025 Business Awards, held at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Chelmsford For You is the public-facing name for Chelmsford's Business Improvement District (the 'BID').

Now in its second year, the business awards are a chance to celebrate the brilliant work of some of our local businesses.

The awards were held in the fabulous venue of Chelmsford Cathedral. Although I've attended countless events at the cathedral over many years, this was the first time I had seen it decked out for an event like this. Food was served by another lovely local business, The Wine Cellar – what a brilliant choice of venue and wonderful food!

As I said in my speech as I announced the winner of the Small/Indie Hospitality Venue of the Year award, A Canteen, there are so many things to worry and complain about in the world that it is truly a joy to celebrate the good things that are happening. It's especially good to be doing that in Chelmsford with local people who are delivering excellent products, service and innovation in our city.

The nominees and winners this year were:

- **Best New Business of the Year**
Kingpins Bowl
Spirits
Studio Libre – *winner*
- **Exceptional Customer Service**
Artists at the Meadows – *winner*
Harry Flashmans
Home
- **Sustainable Business of the Year**
Kaani Kaana – *winner*
Toast
Zambrero
- **Small/Indie Retailer of the Year**
Gaia Jewellery
Artists at The Meadows
Chelmsford Retail Market – *winner*
- **Large Retailer of the Year**
John Lewis
Marks & Spencer
Lush – *winner*
- **Small/Indie Hospitality Venue of the Year**
A Canteen – *winner*
The Wine Cellar
Kaani Kaana
- **Large Hospitality Venue of the Year**
Popworld
Zambrero



Marie Goldman MP with A Canteen, the winners of the Small/Indie Hospitality Venue of the Year at the Chelmsford For You 2025 Business Awards in Chelmsford Cathedral

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Chelmsford Cathedral was lit beautifully for the business awards dinner



Lush, winners of the Large Retailer of the Year award



Kaani Kaana won the Sustainable Business of the Year award



Chelmsford Retail Market won the award for Small/Indie Retailer of the Year

- Prezzo – *winner*
- **Leisure Facility of the Year**
Riverside Leisure
Kingpins Bowl – *winner*
Boom Battle Bar

- **Personal Care and Beauty Business of the Year**
Harry Flashmans
The Glamour Room – *winner*
The Studios

- **Professional Service of the Year**
TG Collins
Renew Counselling
Home – *winner*.
Huge congratulations to everyone

nominated for an award – the excellent work that you all do helps to make Chelmsford a really special place to live. Keep up the great work!
Marie