

NORTHERN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMP IS NAMED

Noel Chadwick Ltd based in Standish, Wigan, has won the race to be crowned British Small Business Champion for the Northern region, 2004, in a prestigious award ceremony held at Old Trafford Cricket Ground on Wednesday 22 September. The company successfully competed for the title against a wide range of small businesses from across the South.

Noel Chadwick Ltd will now be going forward to represent the region in a battle for the British title, facing stiff competition at the national award ceremony in Claridges, London on 10 November 2004. If successful, it could win a tailor-made business trip to New York.

Stephen Pegge for Lloyds TSB Business, co-sponsors of the awards, says: "The awards capture the essence of entrepreneurial spirit in the North, demonstrating the sheer diversity, wealth of experience and vast contribution that small businesses make in this region. With such fantastic firms to choose from, winning the Northern title was no mean feat."

John Emmins at the Federation of Small Businesses, says: "The region can be justifiably proud of Noel Chadwick Ltd and the other small businesses that made it through to the final. The owners and their staff have been a complete inspiration and a shining example of the many benefits that small enterprise brings."

In addition to the main winner, Pocklington Montessori School firm from Pocklington won a special merit award.

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The other finalists were :

- Twoey Toys – Wigton, Cumbria
- Logistik Ltd – Leeds
- Diva Crative – Sheffield
- Happy Kidz - Hull

John Chadwick, managing director, Noel Chadwick Ltd, says: "The business has a strong family ethos so winning this award would mean recognition to all the staff who work together to make Chadwick a solid family business."

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Notes to editors:

A profile of Noel Chadwick Ltd. and Pocklington Montessori School can be obtained from the Lloyds TSB Press Office, contact details below

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