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**Social Value Business of the Year Award**

The application rules can be found at the end of this form. Any entries not adhering to the rules may be disqualified, however you will be notified by Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce staff.

**Award Overview**

The **Social Value Business of the Year Award** recognises businesses that are going above and beyond to give back to the Rotherham community through the public sector contracts they are delivering. These organisations are not only delivering high-quality services—they are creating real, lasting change by investing in local people, places, businesses and communities.

By engaging with different sections of the community, i.e. underrepresented groups and young people through meaningful employment and skills development, businesses are helping to tackle some of Rotherham’s most pressing challenges and help individuals helping achieve aspirations. With high unemployment and **36.4% of children living in poverty**, their work is vital. By delivering a range of interventions including upskilling and job opportunities, they are transforming lives—boosting economic stability, improving well-being, and inspiring the next generation.

This award celebrates businesses that are using their contracts not just to deliver, but to **empower**—raising aspirations, supporting those furthest from the labour market, and building a stronger, fairer Rotherham for all.

**Criteria for this award**

The judges will be looking for evidence of the following:

This award is open **ONLY** to organisations who:

Are delivering social value as part of a contract with **Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council**

**OR**

Are delivering social value as part of a contract with another public sector body in **Rotherham.**

Unlike **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**, which is voluntary and often delivered nationally or globally, **social value is a contractual obligation**—a commitment to give back to the local community through public sector procurement. This award recognises those who are not just fulfilling contracts but actively improving lives in Rotherham.

Please email your completed entry form to [**awards@brchamber.co.uk**](mailto:awards@brchamber.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is **4pm, Friday, 12th September 2025**

Award Category you wish to be nominated for:

**Social Value Business of the Year Award**

Contact Information

Contact Name: Email Address:

Position: Telephone:

Company Name: Product/Service:

Website: Number of Employees:

Established:

Company Address:

In no more than **30 words**, please give a description of your business.

*(This will be used in publicity material should your bid be successful)*

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**How have you embedded social value into the culture of your organisation, and how do you hold yourself accountable for delivering on your commitments? (max 250 words)**

Please describe how social value is integrated into your organisation’s values, leadership, and day-to-day operations. How do you ensure that your commitments are not just met, but sustained throughout the life of the contract? Include details on how you track, report, and evaluate your social value delivery, and how this is communicated internally and externally.

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**Please detail the social value you have delivered as part of your contract and how this has positively impacted the lives of people in Rotherham. (max 500 words)**  
 You may respond to one or more of the following areas:

**a. Local Economic Impact**  
 How has your organisation supported the local economy through procurement and investment? Have you prioritised local suppliers, SMEs, or social enterprises in Rotherham? Please provide examples and, where possible, include approximate spend or impact figures.

**b. Transforming Lives Through Employment**  
 Share a specific example of how your organisation has helped a Rotherham resident through employment, training, or skills development. What was their journey, and what difference has it made to them, their family, or their community?

**c. Youth Engagement and Raising Aspirations**  
 What steps have you taken to engage and inspire young people in Rotherham? Have you partnered with schools, colleges, or youth organisations to provide mentoring, work experience, or career pathways?

**d. Supporting Vulnerable or Underrepresented Groups**  
 How have you supported individuals facing barriers to employment—such as care leavers, people with disabilities, long-term unemployed individuals, or those from disadvantaged backgrounds? What tailored support or inclusive practices have you implemented?

**e. Supporting Local SMEs and VCSEs**  
 Have you provided expert advice, mentoring, or capacity-building support to local small businesses or voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Rotherham? Please describe the nature of this support and its outcomes.

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**How have you worked in partnership with private and public sector bodies, local charities, voluntary organisations, or community groups to deliver social value? (max 250 words)**

In planning to deliver your social value initiatives, please describe how you have collaborated with local partners to ensure maximum impact for the borough’s economy and/or the resilience of the Voluntary sector. What were the shared goals, and what outcomes were achieved for the community? How have these partnerships strengthened your impact?

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**The Rules**

1. The closing date for entries is 4pm, Friday, 12th September 2025
2. The Awards are open to all businesses with an ‘S’ postcode and all members of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce regardless of location and are free to enter.
3. Entries must be electronic and in one single document in either Microsoft Word or PDF format, and in English.
4. Entrants can find the criteria online at [www.brawards.co.uk](http://www.brawards.co.uk) and on the respective category page.
5. Entrants must be authorised to enter their organisation/a person into the awards programme.
6. Entrants should keep to the word count. Text boxes can be expanded if necessary.
7. The maximum file size for any entry is 5MB.
8. Supporting information should be included in the entry form, these can be tables, pictures, graphs (a maximum of 5 in total). Please be aware that website links used within your entry will not be activated by the judges.
9. All entries will be acknowledged when received, within a two-day working period. All entries are treated as confidential and entry forms will become the property of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce. These will be shared with the judges of the awards. Entries will not be returned.
10. The judges’ decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
11. Judges reserve the right to audit any information supplied.
12. Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to withdraw an award from any applicant supplying false information within their entry.
13. No employee of Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce shall be entitled to enter.
14. Award winners will be announced at the Barnsley and Rotherham Business Awards ceremony on Friday, 14th November 2025
15. The shortlisting of an application does not include complimentary places at the Barnsley and Rotherham Business Awards. By entering and therefore potentially being shortlisted for any category it is required that your organisation attend the ceremony. Costs to attend the ceremony can be found at [www.brawards.co.uk](http://www.brawards.co.uk)
16. By registering and completing an entry form for the awards you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.

**Judging**

1. Each category will be judged by an independent panel and the award sponsor.
2. All entries received by the deadline will be judged and a final shortlist will be drawn up.
3. It is anticipated that up to five finalists will be shortlisted in each category.
4. All shortlisted will be notified prior to the ceremony by Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and further information may be requested for the ceremony.
5. Details of the ceremony can be found online at [www.brawards.co.uk](http://www.brawards.co.uk)