**IW Chamber Business Awards 2025  
 *PLEASE READ BEFORE PREPARING YOUR SUBMISSION*  
  
Please use this Word document as the outline for your submission. Read the guidelines carefully and then answer each question as outlined below, keeping in mind the weighting and the marks allocated to each question.**

Please type your entry into this Word document. This is designed to receive your entry; please do not reformat this template or delete the questions or group your answers in any way, otherwise your entry may become impossible to judge. Please remember your entry is primarily a text document and not a designed presentation.

Please note the maximum word count is 2,000 words per entry. The word count for the answers submitted in your entry should not exceed 2,000 words and this word count does not include the introduction section or terms and conditions. The word count will be measured solely on the numbered questions and the answers you provide. If your entry exceeds this word count it will not be accepted and you will not be notified.

Please make sure that you answer every question. Judges will be awarding points based on the scoring system as outlined, so please make sure that your submission clearly answers each individual question in turn. Incomplete entries will not be judged.

Once completed, email your document to [awards@iwchamber.co.uk](mailto:awards@iwchamber.co.uk)

**Community Award**sponsored by Moore (South) LLP

This award recognises the success of charities, community groups, volunteer organisations and community interest groups. It is firmly aimed at “third sector” organisations. Commercial businesses that have gone above and beyond to help the wider community should consider applying for the **Business Social Impact Award** category.

This category is designed to showcase exceptional success by a community organisation. That success will be assessed in terms of traditional outcomes (people helped, funds raised) as well as recognising exceptional growth, sustainability and raising wider awareness. We’re looking for wide-reaching projects and campaign activity.

**YOUR ENTRY STARTS HERE….** Please answer each the sections below

**Company Name** –

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**Business Name** (if different to above, as you would like it to appear in publicity if shortlisted) –

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**Preferred point of contact** (name and email) -

Type text here

**Business Address** –

Type text here

**Company Registration Number –**

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**Introduction** – Tell the judges about your organisation. Are you a charity/not for profit/community group etc. Explain what you do, how long you have been established, the size of your organisation (staff and volunteers). Include any other information you believe is relevant, to give the judges a good understanding of your organisation. You may want to use this section to explain the need that you are responding to in society, and perhaps why that need is particularly relevant to the Island community.

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**Evidence required and scoring:** *Maximum total word count =* ***2,000***

1. **What makes your organisation exceptional? If we were to compare your organisation to another similar sized group elsewhere and within your sector, what would make yours stand out? (20 marks)**

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1. **Demonstrate with evidence how your business has made an impact and who you have helped. (25 marks)**

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1. **Growth and the future. Demonstrate with examples how your organisation is thriving – in terms of things like outcomes, turnover, fundraising, volunteers, partnerships, milestones and achievements (20 marks)**

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1. **Profile, awareness and engagement. Show how your organisation is “making a mark”, in terms of reach and spreading your message to the wider community, not just to the primary users that you help. We’re looking for examples of influencing behaviour, changing attitudes, partnerships, business engagement and driving positive change (20 marks)**

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1. **Scale. Show how your outcomes and successes are exceptional, considering and with reference to the size of your organisation. (15 marks)**

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1. **Testimonials – (additional to word count) (0 marks)**

**7. External web links if appropriate - (Ensure these are relevant. If it’s important it should be referred to in your entry already) (0 marks)**

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**Terms & Conditions (for entrants)**

1. All entries must be submitted via email and to the awards@iwchamber.co.uk email address.
2. The IW Chamber Awards are open to all businesses based on the Isle of Wight. Your business does not have to be a member of the IW Chamber.
3. A business must have completed its first full year of trading before entering for an Award.
4. Unless otherwise stated, your entry should reflect activity in the calendar year of 2024, from January 1st to December 31st 2024.
5. Entries will be judged by an independent and impartial panel of judges.
6. Entries will be treated in the strictest confidence but will be shared with the judging panel.
7. Entry to more than one category is permitted.
8. All businesses are entitled to enter two categories for no charge. Entries for any further entries will be charged at £110+VAT per category for IW Chamber members and £220+VAT per category for non-members.
9. There are no restrictions regarding entering a category which your business has won in the past.
10. Incomplete entries will not be judged.
11. The Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to revoke an award from any applicant whose entry includes false information. Judges reserve the right to audit any information supplied.
12. The closing date for entries is 6.00pm on Friday 31st January 2025. No entries will be accepted after this time.
13. All submitted entries will be acknowledged via email within 4 working days.
14. Please type your entry into the downloadable Word document template. This is designed to receive your entry; please do not reformat this template or delete the questions or group your answers in any way, otherwise your entry may become impossible to judge. Please remember your entry is primarily a text document and not a designed presentation.
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16. The shortlist of nominees will be published on-line at a pre-announced date and time. Shortlisted companies will be notified by email following the publication of the shortlist.
17. The decision of the judging panel is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.
18. Feedback on entries will be available on request, after the awards have been presented in May.
19. Award winners will be announced at the IW Chamber Business Awards on Friday 9th May 2025.
20. No employee of the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce Group shall be entitled to enter.
21. By registering and completing an entry for the Awards you agree to these terms and conditions.