



**WEST
LONDON
BUSINESS**
INSIGHT | VOICE
| CONNECTIONS |

T: 020 8607 2500

E: info@westlondon.com

Twitter: [@westlbusiness](https://twitter.com/westlbusiness)

Media release

9 February 2021

For immediate release

West London Business Awards 2021 winners announced – Fit Out UK crowned West London Company of the Year

On Thursday 4 February, over 300 guests from across West London gathered online to celebrate the resilience of the sub-region's business community at the West London Business Awards 2021. With the ceremony broadcast live from Twickenham Stadium, West London was once again profiled to a global audience. Against the backdrop of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, businesses of all sizes and sectors took the spotlight; highlighting some remarkable achievements over the last 12 months.

The big winners of the night were **Fit Out UK**, who claimed the prestigious title of West London Company of the Year 2021; in addition to being named Park Royal Business of the Year. A leading interior fit out contractor and relocation services provider based in Park Royal since 2006, Fit Out had the chance to demonstrate their innovative capacity at the start of the Covid pandemic. Contracted to build, in just 14 days, a Tesco Express Supermarket adjacent to London's Nightingale Hospital, to serve NHS staff. Fit Out achieved this ambitious project in just 9 days. The project also achieved a 15% cost reduction (compared against model cost), whilst sending zero waste to landfill, and attaining a 99% Health & Safety audit score. This led to a contract with Tesco to deliver over a hundred Express stores in the next year.

www.westlondon.com

West London Business Ltd

Company limited by guarantee, registered in England number: 02934029

VAT registration number: 674069512

Jamie Mason, Commercial Director of **Fit Out UK**, said of the win: *“We are delighted to be named West London Business of the Year. A huge thanks to everyone at Fit Out UK and our wider supply chain who have worked tirelessly throughout what has been a very challenging year. Congratulations to all the finalists and thanks to the WLB Awards team for making it happen. Hopefully next year we can all celebrate together!”*

The eighth edition of the awards once again recognised individual achievements; with **Abbas Lalljee of Reach Food Service** being named West London Business Leader of the Year and **Patrick Flannery of Flannery Plant Hire** awarded the Lifetime Achievement in Business Award. **Mike Langan of Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce** was recognised with a special award for Services to the Business Community.

Abbas Lalljee, CEO of **Reach Food Service** said: *“We are delighted to have been recognised by the business community in West London in this way. Winning Food and Drink Business of the Year endorses our commitment to deliver quality products and amazing customer service. On a personal note, I am humbled to have won West London Business Leader of the Year and would like to extend my deepest congratulations to all the WLB Award winners and every business that made the shortlist.”*

Reflecting on his Lifetime Achievement award, **Patrick Flannery**, Director of **Flannery Plant Hire** said: *“What a wonderful surprise and an absolute honour to have been recognised by the judging panel at the West London Business Awards. I am immensely proud of Flannery Plant Hire and all we have accomplished so far (and we are far from finished!). I am lucky to have had the support of my wonderful wife Mary; the fact that Flannery remains a family business, with family values at its heart is, in my opinion one of the business’ greatest strengths. Thank you to the team at WLB for your support, a fantastic evening and to everyone who has been in touch since the announcement, I am truly heartened.”*

After more than 20 years leading **Hillingdon Chamber**, **Mike Langan** was especially appreciative of his win. He said: *“It is a great honour to have been given this award by West London Business. Having been involved with Hillingdon Chamber for nearly 30 years I have met some amazing people and businesses from across West London and this award is just*

www.westlondon.com

as much for all of them as it is for me. A big thank you to all the team at the West London Business Awards.”

Another notable winner of the evening was Perivale based **Everglade Windows** who took home the Manufacturing/Reprocessing Business of the Year award for the fourth straight year. The win takes their tally of WLB Awards overall to six including West London Company of the Year in 2018.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by London College of Music student Liam Badgery; followed up by a unique ‘from home’ performance by magician Darren Delaney. The awards also supported West London social enterprise London Bike Hub.

Andrew Dakers, Chief Executive of West London Business said: *“In these tough times for the business community the West London Business Awards 2021 once again provided a fun filled evening where everyone could relax a bit and discover what their peers have achieved in 2020. The best practice and innovation that has been pioneered, and we are able to showcase, is truly remarkable.”*

-Ends-

NOTES TO EDITORS

Photos

A variety of photos are available from james.armstrong@westlondon.com of the online ceremony.

Photos must be credited to Stephen Johnson Photography.

WLB AWARDS WINNER’S BROCHURE – Click [HERE](#)

Full list of 2021 winners:

SME SECTOR LEADERSHIP

- **Business Services Company of the Year** – **Ask the Boss**
- **CleanTech Company of the Year** – **Puraffinity**
- **Retail / Wholesale Business of the Year** – **FASTSIGNS Hammersmith**
- **Logistics Business of the Year** – **Charles Kendall Freight**
- **Hospitality Business of the Year** – **Bertotti Ice Cream**

www.westlondon.com

- **Food and Drink Business of the Year** – [Reach Food Service](#)
- **Property and Construction Business of the Year** – [Frederick George Mileham](#)
- **Creative and Media Business of the Year** – [LeBoo Media](#)
- **Finance Business of the Year** – [Smart Currency Group](#)
- **Software Business of the Year** – [Programus](#)
- **Manufacturing / Reprocessing Business of the Year** – [Everglade Windows](#)
- **Health and Wellbeing Business of the Year** – [Sahan Cares](#)
- **Education and Training Provider of the Year** – [JGA Group](#)
 - Highly Commended: [Skills Training UK](#)

SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

- **Responsible Workplace Award** – [Chiswick Park Enjoy-Work](#)
- **Apprentice of the Year** – [Lily-Rose John, Employer: Cleveland's Diecast | Training provider: JGA Group](#)
- **Highly Commended:**
 - Sunil Duggal, Employer: DSV | Training provider: West Thames College
 - Faryah Zaffar, Employer: Educare Family Support Service | Training provider: Dynamic Training
 - Evette Smith, Employer: Royal Marsden Hospital | Training provider: Skills Training UK
 - Michael Westwood, Employer: Reach Printing Services | Training provider: HCUC Apprenticeships and Skills
 - Sally Sturgess, Employer: Anand Financial Architecture | Training provider: HCUC Apprenticeships and Skills
 - Alaa Kanone, Employer: Openreach | Training provider: Openreach
- **Community Investment Award** – [HKS Architects](#)
 - **Highly Commended:** [Children's Book Project](#)
- **Green 'Circular Economy' Business of the Year** – [Envirobuild](#)
- **West London's COVID Angels** – [Simon Inc; Thorgills; Dephna Group; The Felix Project](#)

ECONOMIC GROWTH

- **Incubator/Accelerator/Coworking Space of the Year** – [Central Research Laboratory](#)
- **Export / International Business of the Year** – [Creative Nature Superfoods](#)
 - **Highly Commended:** [Charles Kendall Freight](#)
- **Start-up of the Year** – [Magway](#)

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

- **Organisational Excellence Corporate of the Year** – [Russell Finex](#)
- **Socially Responsible Corporate of the Year** – [A2Dominion](#)
- **Park Royal Business of the Year** – [Fit Out UK](#)

INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP

- **Special Award for Services to the Business Community** – [Mike Langan, Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce](#)
- **West London Business Leader of the Year** – [Abbas Lalljee, Reach Food Service](#)

www.westlondon.com

- **West London Lifetime Achievement in Business Award - Patrick Flannery, Flannery Plant Hire**
- **Overall Winner: West London Company of the Year 2021 – Fit Out UK**
 - **Highly Commended:** Sahan Cares

About West London Business:

West London Business works to ensure West London stays the best place to do business. West London is the UK's global gateway; a pre-covid £73billion+ GVA economy underpinned by 120,000+ businesses. We are a business-led leadership forum with members including Heathrow and Asahi, as well as key regional firms such as Fullers and Brompton Bicycle. WLB has 15,000+ supporters and 30+ events per annum, including the West London Business Awards.

Our members commit to raise West London's global economic competitiveness, whilst pursuing social and environmental sustainability. WLB provides leadership, insight, voice and connections to our members and the wider business community. Through this programme we inform and influence the work of local, regional and national government policymakers and promote inward investment.

To find out more, visit www.westlondon.com

Media contacts:

Andrew Dakers, Chief Executive

M: +44 (0)7788 116159

andrew.dakers@westlondon.com

James Armstrong, Policy & Events Coordinator

T: + 44 (0)20 8607 2500

James.armstrong@westlondon.com

www.westlondon.com

West London Business Ltd

Company limited by guarantee, registered in England number: 02934029

VAT registration number: 674069512