



INSPIRING 20
ABERDEENSHIRE 23

Awards Ceremony

Guest piped in

By Ella Michie



Performance

Balmedie School Choir



Welcome

Chris Harvey



Buffet dinner is served



Opening of ceremony

Chris Harvey and Provost Judy Whyte



Aberdeenshire's Future Award

Sponsored by NEOS Networks

Presented by Councillor David Keating

Inspirational Volunteer Award

Presented by Councillor Alan Turner

Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award

Sponsored by TPS Fruit and Veg

Presented by Councillor Anne Stirling



The Review of the Year

The Cultural Award

Sponsored by Oxygen Finance

Presented by Deputy Provost Ron McKail

The Beautiful Aberdeenshire Environmental Award

Sponsored by The Instock Group

Presented by Cllr Sarah Dickinson



Performance

Meg Barnett and Katie Gibbs



Local Hero Courage Award

Presented by Chief Executive Jim Savege

The Community Spirit Award

Sponsored by FES

Presented by Councillor Gillian Owen



A word from some of our judges



The Inspiring Aberdeenshire Lifetime Achievement Award

Sponsored by bp

Presented by Provost of Aberdeenshire Judy Whyte



Vote of thanks

Provost and MC



Expected event close, around 9pm.

Meet our hosts

Judy Whyte

Judy was educated at Inverurie Academy and the University of Aberdeen where she was awarded a degree in Land Economy, and then progressed to become a Chartered Surveyor. She worked in her family's retail and farming business for a number of years along with her husband Keith as they raised their family of 3 sons. Judy became a councillor for Inverurie & District in 2017. Her role as Provost is wide ranging, involving all sectors of the local community and representing Aberdeenshire at local national and international events.



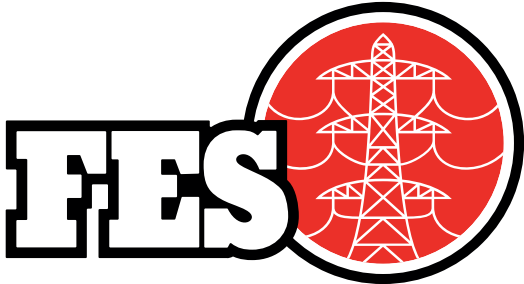
Chris Harvey

Chris is sports presenter and reporter based in Aberdeen. He was previously a news presenter for STV and began his career as a football and rugby commentator for the BBC. He's covered national and domestic teams exploits at home and abroad, reporting from the Euros, Commonwealth Games, and the Six Nations. Born in Inverurie, he lives in south Aberdeenshire with his wife and children



Meet our sponsors

This wonderful event is only possible due to the very generous sponsorship of our event sponsors. We are very grateful for your support and involvement in this year's event, helping to recognise these remarkable finalists.



INSTOCK



Headline Sponsor and Sponsor of the Inspiring Aberdeenshire Lifetime Achievement Award.

bp is delighted to have supported the Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards for many years, recognising the great work being done by the people of Aberdeenshire. Many congratulations to all the nominees and finalists for their selfless commitment to enhancing the quality of life in our communities.

bp is committed to supporting the communities where we work to build greater resilience and more sustainable livelihoods. We have been a major business in the North East of Scotland for nearly 60 years and supported the communities of Aberdeen and surrounding areas - home for our business, our people and the community we're part of - during that time.

Our community programme in the region helps improve education opportunities, develop talent, support cultural and community organisations and enables local people to take effective action to strengthen their communities.

We have an active volunteering community at bp and provide match funding to encourage employees to support community organisations and charities.

Our partnerships also help support our sustainability aims - partnerships like the one we have with Aberdeen City Council to help achieve its Net Zero vision, and with Future Woodlands Scotland - a charity we have supported for more than 20 years and through a £10 million donation that has helped create and restore native woodlands across the country.

In recent years we have increased our work with food and fuel poverty organisations, including Scarf and VSA in the North East, to support the most vulnerable in society in winter.

bp's ambition is to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner and to help the world get to net zero. To do this we're transforming from an international oil and gas company to an integrated energy company, investing up to £18bn this decade in the UK's existing and future energy system.

Aberdeen is at the heart of this strategy where we're continuing to invest in our North Sea oil and gas portfolio as well as lower carbon solutions that support the energy transition.

That includes projects like our planned offshore wind farm Morven, and the proposed green hydrogen project in Aberdeen - a joint venture with Aberdeen City Council.

We're also working hard to ensure our existing North Sea oil and gas business remains safe, efficient and has lower operational emissions, by deploying the latest technologies.

Our goal is that our business activities and partnerships contribute to thriving communities and build on our heritage in this part of the world.

A lot may have changed over the past six decades, but our long-term commitment to Scotland and the north-east stands firm.

Headline Sponsor and Sponsor of the Community Spirit Award.

FES was established in 1963 by Duncan Fletcher and quickly established a solid reputation for being highly efficient and delivering a quality product on time and within budget. It is these core values of efficiency and quality that have developed the Group into the organisation that exists today.

The company evolved to develop the range of in-house services and now offers clients a complete 'cradle to grave' service which extends from Principal Contractor, providing a complete construction service, through a comprehensive range of building, prefabrication, technical, fit-out and facilities management services including renewable technologies

Today FES has a turnover in excess of £300m and employs over 2,000 staff across the UK.

The Group is made up of three operating divisions which can deliver standalone projects specific to their speciality service or can combine to deliver turnkey projects under a single management contract. Fundamental to our philosophy is a genuine commitment to understanding our clients' requirements and to delivering the best solution – every time.

FES Ltd: Offers the highly skilled resources of a market leader and in doing so we can provide a complete Building Services solution to fit all our customer needs. From concept, design, installation and commissioning, utilising state of the art off-site production and full digital engineering capabilities. FES offers complete and lasting solutions in the following areas: Major Projects, Principal Contractor, Design & Digital Engineering, Mechanical & Electrical Installation, Sprinklers and Air Conditioning.

FES Support Services - A specialist operating company within the FES Group. The key divisions within this company include: Communications, Engineering, Energy, High Voltage, Property Services and Frameworks.

Facilities Management: FES FM provides a unique range of in-house hard and soft facilities management services to a diverse portfolio of public and private sector clients across the UK. FES FM develops collaborative relationships with our clients, at a strategic and operational level, to proactively manage future service delivery requirements. Our approach encompasses both the long term capital budget planning process, covering whole life cost and risk analysis, as well as revenue budget planning to ensure that the facilities management service requirements at each site are aligned to the client's overall business strategy.

FES Group is the first Building Services and Facilities Management company in the world to achieve both the UN Climate Neutral Now Initiative participation and the Carbon Neutral International Standard. In partnership with One Carbon World, we have achieved carbon neutrality at Enterprise level and have completely compensated all our carbon footprint measured for 2020 - 2022.

FES is a Top 10 UK company in this sector and has become the contractor of choice.

NEOS Network

Headline Sponsor and Sponsor of the Aberdeenshire's Future Award.

We have been privileged to work with Aberdeenshire Council to deliver up to 275km of fibre connectivity, improving the delivery of public services to the community and boosting economic activity and quality of life. In March 2022, the full fibre network project was completed across Aberdeen City and the wider Aberdeenshire region.

The key results of the project include:

The Dark Fibre network reaches over 45,000 homes and more than 1,800 business premises and over 200 public sector buildings across Aberdeen, Westhill, Stonehaven, Banchory, Inverurie and Ellon as well as the smaller communities in between

The almost limitless capacity of the Dark Fibre network supports healthcare and education facilities in the region, allowing for record sharing, video consultations, better connectivity for remote working and virtual teaching.

The project has resulted in Neos Networks visiting local schools, to deliver work placements, guest lectures for higher education.

Seven full-time apprenticeships have been created in the area, for young local people, including in situ and working on the Neos Networks programme team.

Neos Networks held a STEM careers event and ran the Engineering Development Trust Industrial Cadets online programme.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the nominees and winners at this year's awards. This is a fantastic event to celebrate the inspiring work of the communities across the area.



TPS Fruit and Veg

Sponsor of the Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award

We at TPS Fruit and Veg Ltd pride ourselves on being a family run wholesaler, with the local community at the heart of everything we do. Situated on the outskirts of Turriff, we deliver only the freshest fruit and vegetables, dairy and dried goods to homes and businesses across the North East.

We take great pride in being a supplier to Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council and relish the opportunity to sponsor the awards honouring the achievements of local individuals who otherwise might go uncelebrated. We are delighted to sponsor The Heart of Aberdeenshire Caring Award this year. All the nominees are truly vital community members, who over the past year have continued to selflessly support many groups and organisations and given vital care and assistance to some of the most vulnerable within our community. You truly are inspirational to all.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the nominees for this year's awards, the local community genuinely would not be the same without you.

The Instock Group

Sponsor of the Beautiful Aberdeenshire Environmental Award

Instock are delighted to honour the 'local folks' of Aberdeenshire who work tirelessly and give up their own time to put back into the local communities in this great region that we live in; sometimes going totally unrecognised for their efforts.

We are pleased to support Inspiring Aberdeenshire awards acknowledging these hard-working individuals who endeavour to make a difference to our community.

Well done to all finalists from all the Management and Staff at Instock.



Oxygen Finance

Sponsor of the Cultural Award

Oxygen Finance exists to help local enterprise thrive and help fund public services within the local community. Since 2004, we've created financial benefits and improved social value outcomes for the NHS, local and central government, and FTSE 100 companies.

We're proud to work with Aberdeenshire Council in the running of their Supplier Incentive Service. The service gives suppliers to the council a powerful alternative to traditional forms of funding, allowing them to be paid earlier for work they have done. Through administering the service we've spoken to many Aberdeenshire-based businesses, learning both about them and the community they serve.

The Inspiring Aberdeenshire Awards provide an opportunity to celebrate that community and the extraordinary people who, through their care, passion and determination, make Aberdeenshire what it is today. Oxygen Finance are once again delighted to support these important awards. We wholeheartedly congratulate tonight's finalists and wish each the very best of luck for this evening.



A thank you to our Judges

As you can imagine, judging these categories is a difficult task.

A special thank you to our judges for the 2023 awards, Provost Judy Whyte, Council Chief Executive Jim Savege, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire Lady Joanna Aberdeen, Superintendent David Howatson, and Pam Milliken who is the Chief Officer of the Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

Table plan

Have a look at our table plan to find out where you are sitting, and with whom.

Table 1

Provost Judy Whyte
Jim Savege
Lady Joanna Aberdeen
Chris Harvey
Cllr Gillian Owen
David Howieson
John Aloy
Kathryn McKee
Stephen Christie
Lauren Gosling

Table 2

Aby Catto
Lee Menzies
Sandy Garvock
Janice Garvock
Ian Mitchell
Cllr Marion Ewenson
Cllr Seamus Logan
Anne-Marie
Davies-Macleod

Table 3

Angie Mutch
Alison Hogg
Vikki Jannetta
Tracy Gibb
Cllr Ron McKail
Cllr Yi-Pei Chou Turvey
Cllr Catherine Victor
Pamela Milliken
Neil Tawse
Lynsey Tawse

Table 4

Linsey Singers
Gill Skene
Bill McBain
Charlie Baird
DL Ewan Clark
Cllr Anne Stirling
Cllr Fatima Joji
Cllr Stephen Smith
Rob Simpson
Jeff Shaw

Table 5

Craig Trail
Lee Trail
Fiona Weir
Ray Rucroft
Cllr Sarah Dickinson
Cllr Laurie Carnie
Cllr Jenny Nicol
Philip McKay
Ann Overton

Table 6

Tyrone Devlin
Collin Devlin
Caroline Devlin
Kenny Thomson
Joan Thomson
Cllr David Keating
Cllr Leeann McWhinnie
Cllr John Cox
Leigh Jolly
Amanda Roe

Table 7

Jackie Ross
Aaron Gale
Russ Crichton
Debbie Crichton
Cllr Doreen Mair
Cllr Alastair Forsyth
Cllr Mel Sullivan
Alan Wood
Alex Pirie

Table 8

Holly Robertson
Chloe Ann Catmore
Ellie Wild
Jane Veitch
Jill Moir
Cllr Ann Bell
Cllr Jim Gifford
Cllr Iain Taylor
Kate Bond

Table 9

Jane Craigie
Mike Whittal
Amanda Wilson
Kevin Wilson
Cllr John Crawley
Cllr Andrew Hassan
Angela Keith
Sharon Hosie
Campbell Webster
Cllr Louise McAllister

Table 10

Nichola Hepburn
Michael Henry
Emma Seivwright
James Seivwright
Mario Chiru
Naveen Karri
Cllr Alan Turner
Cllr Isobel Davidson
Paul Macari

Table 11

Kaydin Simpson
Shanice Mutch
Ken Fairweather
Jill Fairweather
Cllr George Carr
Cllr Jeff Goodhall
Cllr Dianne Beagrie
Laurence Findlay
Mary Beattie

Table 12

Garth Entwistle
Fiona Entwistle
Ross Milne
Jim Stephen
Vadym Kapliuk
Cllr Alison Evison
Cllr Derek Ritchie
Cllr Dawn Black
Susan Smith
Karen Wiles

Last year





Future Nominations

Has tonight's event inspired you to nominate someone you know for an award?

We know there is a fantastic amount of work that goes on in our Aberdeenshire communities, which helps to make Aberdeenshire a wonderful place to live, work and study. We want to share those stories and celebrate those efforts.

Our nominations for next year's awards will open soon.

Go to www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/inspiring and follow us on [Facebook](#).

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