

# NORTH EAST ACCOUNTANCY AWARDS 2019

The thirteenth annual North East Accountancy Awards in 2019 was another great success.

Hundreds of accountants, other finance professionals and their colleagues gathered at the Newcastle Gateshead Hilton Hotel to celebrate the achievements of the region's top financial businesses and individuals.

The event highlights the quality and achievements of the North East Finance community and the positive impact they have within their business and in supporting clients. As always, the awards are a tremendous opportunity to recognise the outstanding commitment of those working within the North East accountancy and finance sector.

Among this year's winners was Paul Gibson from ZyroFisher who won Finance Director of the Year. The Business Finance Team of the Year award went to Hitachi Rail and The Lakes Distillery's Nigel Mills received the John Wall Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Nigel Wright has been the main sponsor of the North East Accountancy Awards for over a decade. Associate Director, Richard Morgan, said:

"These awards are now the standout event in the North East finance community's social calendar. We were delighted that this year received a record number of nominations, a testament to the credibility of the event. Nigel Wright is proud to be associated with the Accountancy Awards – they provide organisations with opportunities to recognise the success of their talent and to stand out as an aspirational employer."

## THE WINNERS:

Accounting Technician of the Year –  
**Ross Patterson, IAM Property**

Rising Star Tax Adviser of the Year –  
**Andy Jacott, Deloitte**

Rising Star Accountant of the Year –  
**Lucy Glister-Byers,  
Newcastle City Council**

Accountant of the Year –  
**Nick Wilson, Robson Laidler**

Finance Director of the Year –  
**Paul Gibson, ZyroFisher**

Tax Team of the Year – **Deloitte**

Business Finance Team of the Year  
– **Hitachi Rail Ltd**

Public Services Finance Team of the Year – **Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

Corporate Finance Deal of the Year – **KPMG** – Advisor to the Royal Institute of British Architects on its partnership with Lloyds Development Capital to support the growth of subsidiary NBS

Accountancy Firm of the Year (Under 50 employees) –  
**Leathers the Accountants**

Accountancy Firm of the Year (Between 51-200 employees) –  
**Bailey Group**

Accountancy Firm of the Year (Over 200 employees) – **Deloitte**

John Wall Award for Outstanding Achievement – **Nigel Mills CBE**



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