



Queen's Awards for Enterprise, 2018

Key findings for the Lancashire-14 area

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1 Overview

On the 21 April, companies and organisations from across the UK were named as winners of the Queen's Award for Enterprise 2018 - Britain's highest accolade for business success.

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise have been announced to mark the Queen's 92nd birthday and numbered 234 across four categories, in this, the 53rd year of the scheme. The four categories are International Trade, Innovation, Sustainable Development and the new Promoting Opportunity (through social mobility). The fourth category was introduced last year (in 2017).

The awards are open to UK based organisations with at least 2 full-time UK employees (or part-time equivalents). The awards are valid for five years and winners may use the Queen's Award for Enterprise logo over this period.

The number of Queen's Awards for 2018 was higher than the 176 awards made in 2017, but below the 249 in 2016, which was the highest total since the awards were introduced. Overall, 150 UK companies have won awards for International Trade, considerably more than the 102 in 2017; 70 businesses won awards for Innovation, an increase on the 57 winners in 2017; and 8 won awards for Sustainable Development, down from the 11 recorded in 2017. The second year of the Promoting Opportunity (through social mobility) Award saw six winners, which was the same as in 2017, the first year that awards were given for this category.

2 Key findings for the Lancashire-14 area

2.1 Queen's Awards to Lancashire-14 companies in 2018

Several companies in the Lancashire-14 area have won Queen's Awards in recent years and in 2018 three local companies were successful. Two of the awards fell within the international trade category, the other was for outstanding innovation.

Table 1: Lancashire Queen's Awards for Enterprise Winners, 2018

For outstanding achievement in international trade	
<u>Recycling Lives Ltd</u> , Preston	Recycling and waste management services which assist disadvantaged people to find routes to employment via rehabilitation, training and accommodation, enabling them to develop vital social and employability skills.
<u>Rinicom Ltd</u> , Lancaster	Development of the 'SkyPatriot' drone detection system.
For outstanding achievement in innovation	
T.I.S.S. Limited, Blackpool	Manufacturers of fuel tank security and safety devices.

Source: [The London Gazette website](#)

3 Background information

3.1 History

Instituted by Royal Warrant in 1965, the Queen's Awards for Enterprise are given annually in recognition of commercial success. The first awards were given in 1966.

The awards are made each year by the Queen, on the advice of the Prime Minister, who is assisted by an advisory committee that includes representatives of Government, industry and

commerce, and the trade unions. They are announced each year on 21 April, the Queen's birthday.

3.2 Queen's Awards – eligibility and categories

The awards are open to UK based organisations with at least 2 full-time UK employees (or part-time equivalents).

The Queen's Awards for Enterprise are the UK's most prestigious awards for business performance. They recognise and reward outstanding achievement by UK companies and are now presented in four separate categories:

- International Trade - recognising companies that have demonstrated growth in overseas earnings.
- Innovation - recognising companies that have demonstrated commercial success through innovative products or services.
- Sustainable Development - recognising companies that have integrated environmental, social, economic and managerial aspects of sustainable development into their business.
- Promoting Opportunity through social mobility – introduced in 2017. To be eligible for this new award, applicants must have had a social mobility programme running for more than 2 years and prove that the programme benefits the applicant's organisation financially or otherwise. Improvements to the applicant's organisation should be in one of three areas: (1) work experience, careers advice or mentoring for young people; (2) offering non-graduate routes such as traineeships or changing recruitment practices; or (3) giving equal support and progression opportunities to all employees.

A complete list of the eligibility criteria required to apply for each of the categories can be viewed at the Gov.UK website.

4 Description of the Lancashire-14 geography.

The Lancashire-14 area incorporates the 12 local authorities that fall within the Lancashire County Council administrative boundary and the two additional unitary authorities of [Blackburn with Darwen](#) and [Blackpool](#). The Lancashire-14 area has the same geographic footprint as the [Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership \(LEP\)](#) area.

The 12 local authorities within the LCC boundary are [Burnley Borough Council](#), [Chorley Borough Council](#), [Fylde Borough Council](#), [Hyndburn Borough Council](#), [Lancaster City Council](#), [Pendle Borough Council](#), [Preston City Council](#), [Ribble Valley Borough Council](#), [Rossendale Borough Council](#), [South Ribble Borough Council](#), [West Lancashire Borough Council](#) and [Wyre Borough Council](#).

5 Details of the Queen's Awards winners in the Lancashire-14 area in 2018

In 2018, three companies within the Lancashire-14 area were successful and won Queen's Awards. Two of the awards fell within the International Trade category, the other was for Outstanding Innovation. This year there were no Lancashire winners within the Sustainable Development section or the new category of Promoting Opportunity (through social mobility).

Recycling Lives is a recycling and waste management business which grew out of a scrap metal operation called Golden Hill. Though remaining a family run business, it adapted into Recycling Lives by teaming up with Emmaus, the homelessness charity, after 2005, creating opportunities for homeless and disadvantaged people. Some of its recycling operations are carried out in prisons, while it has also branched out into food distribution, by saving surplus food that would have previously only been sent as waste. The Queen's Award for International Trade recognises Recycling Lives' work processing thousands of tonnes of metals and plastics ready for reuse and remanufacture. Operations at its industry-leading Recycling Park, in Preston, prevent 120,000 tonnes of CO₂ emissions each year by returning recycled materials to markets across Europe, Asia and the US. This is the third Queen's Award for the firm making it one of fewer than 200 winners of 3 awards. The headquarters is based in Essex Street, Preston, but it also has sites in Birkenhead, Bury, Cumbria, Walsall and Kent.

Rinicom Ltd is a high-tech company based in Riversway House, Morecambe Road, Lancaster. It received the Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade on the basis of its work on SkyPatriot, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) or drone detection system. Illegal uses of UAVs include unauthorised filming or observation, smuggling, harassment and air traffic control violations.

TISS Ltd of Lytham Road, Blackpool is a manufacturer of security devices for fuel tanks of vehicles or plant. A valve or float allows a tank to be filled, but prevents fuel being siphoned off or spilled by locking the filler spout. It receives the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Innovation.

6 Queen's Award winners in the Lancashire-14 area since 1966

Since the award scheme was inaugurated some 7,137 awards have been granted across the four main categories in the UK. Companies in the Lancashire-14 area have won or shared in 148 of these prestigious awards, 118 being given for outstanding international trade achievement, 27 for innovation achievement and 3 for outstanding sustainable development achievement. A full listing of the local firms which have won Queen's Awards is given below.

One of the informal aims determining the selection of award winners is to represent a broad spread of industrial and commercial activity with a balanced representation of different company sizes and geographical locations. To a large extent as well, the applicants are self-selected. The list of winners cannot therefore realistically be used as an economic indicator of an area's exporting propensity or innovative capacity. The companies do, however, strongly reflect the structure of the Lancashire economy and the way in which this structure and the composition of businesses have changed over time.

The importance of innovation to longer term success in the market is highlighted by the fact that several of the 26 local companies which have won awards for innovation have subsequently also won awards for international trade based, presumably, partly on the competitive advantage offered by their newly introduced product or process. T.I.S.S. Ltd of Blackpool has won awards in both of these categories, but in the reverse order: for international trade in 2014 and for innovation in the current year, 2018. Recycling Lives Ltd, based in Preston was also one of the three award winners of 2018, in this case for outstanding achievement in international trade, but was one of the two previous award winners for sustainable development, in both 2010 and 2014.

**Table 2: Queen's Awards for Enterprise
Winners in the Lancashire-14 area, 1966 -2018**

Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award
1966	<u>The Leyland Motor Corporation Ltd, Leyland</u>	<u>Pilkington Bros Ltd, Lathom</u>
1967	<u>British Aircraft Corporation Ltd, Warton</u> Scapa Group Ltd, Blackburn	
1968	<u>British Aircraft Corporation Ltd, Warton</u> <u>Singer-Cobble Ltd, Blackburn</u>	
1969	<u>Miehe-Goss-Dexter Ltd, Preston</u> Edgar Pickering (Blackburn) Ltd, Blackburn Qualitex Yarns Ltd, Burnley	
1970	<u>British Aircraft Corporation Ltd, Warton</u> Edgar Pickering (Blackburn) Ltd, Blackburn Qualitex Yarns Ltd, Burnley	BTR Leyland Industries Ltd, Leyland
1971	BTR Leyland Industries Ltd, Leyland Edgar Pickering (Blackburn) Ltd, Blackburn	
1972		
1973	<u>MGD Graphic Systems Ltd, Preston</u> The Singer Company (UK) Ltd, Blackburn Platt International Ltd, Rossendale	Platt International Ltd, Rossendale
1974	<u>British Aircraft Corporation Ltd, Warton</u>	
1975	Garrett Airesearch Ltd, Skelmersdale	Netlon Ltd, Blackburn
1976	Edgar Pickering (Blackburn) Ltd, Blackburn Royal Ordnance Factories, Chorley and Blackburn	

Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award
1977	George Angus & Co. Ltd, Lancaster <u>British Aircraft Corporation Ltd, Warton</u> Hattersley Newman Hender Ltd, Ormskirk Platt, Saco Lowell Ltd, Rossendale	
1978	Royal Ordnance Factories, Chorley and Blackburn	<u>Pilkington Group (R&D Dept.), Lathom</u>
1979		
1980	<u>British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, Springfields</u> Gemmill & Dunsmore Ltd, Preston Lamcoat Papers Ltd, Clitheroe	
1981	<u>Fort Vale Engineering Ltd, Nelson</u> Garrett Airesearch Ltd, Skelmersdale Moores of Carnforth Ltd, Carnforth	
1982	<u>British Aerospace plc, Warton</u> <u>Liquid Plastics Ltd, Preston</u> Michelin Tyre plc, Burnley Netlon Ltd, Blackburn	
1983	<u>British Aerospace plc, Warton</u> <u>Lofthouse of Fleetwood Ltd, Fleetwood</u> <u>Presspart Manufacturing Ltd, Blackburn</u>	
1984	<u>Edendeck Ltd, Burnley</u> Royal Ordnance Factories, Chorley and Blackburn	Netlon Ltd, Blackburn
1985	<u>Edendeck Ltd, Burnley</u> Garrett Airesearch Ltd, Skelmersdale Netlon Ltd, Blackburn	

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Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award
1986	<u>AMS Industries, Burnley</u> <u>Decorpart, Nelson</u> <u>Fort Vale Engineering Ltd, Nelson</u>	
1987		<u>Rolls Royce Ltd, Barnoldswick</u>
1988	<u>Hilden Manufacturing Co. Ltd, Oswaldtwistle</u>	
1989	<u>British Aerospace plc, Warton</u> <u>Lofthouse of Fleetwood Ltd, Fleetwood</u> <u>Netlon Ltd, Blackburn</u> <u>Razamataz Ltd, Colne</u>	<u>GEC Traction Ltd, Preston</u>
1990	<u>Armabord Ltd, Burnley</u> <u>Dent Instruments Ltd, Colne</u>	
1991	<u>British Aerospace plc, Warton</u> <u>Constance Carroll Holdings, Skelmersdale</u> <u>Leyland DAF Holdings, Leyland</u>	<u>GPT Payphone Systems, Chorley</u>
1992	<u>GPT Payphone Systems, Chorley</u>	
1993	<u>Borden Decorative Products, Morecambe</u> <u>Canadian Pizza Crust Co. (UK), Nelson</u> <u>Lofthouse of Fleetwood Ltd, Fleetwood</u> <u>E Slinger & Sons, Great Harwood</u>	<u>Crown Berger, Darwen</u>
1994	<u>Burton's Gold Medal Biscuits, Blackpool</u> <u>CRP Marine Ltd, Skelmersdale</u> <u>Centurion Furniture, Farington</u> <u>Constance Carroll Holdings, Skelmersdale</u>	
1995	<u>Armabord Ltd, Burnley</u> <u>British Aerospace Military Aircraft Division, Warton</u>	<u>James Dewhurst Ltd, Accrington</u>
1996	<u>J Blackledge & Son, Chorley</u> <u>Reilor Ltd, Preston</u> <u>Statestrong Ltd, Lytham</u> <u>Universal Bulk Handling Ltd, Burscough</u>	
1997	<u>Borden Decorative Products Ltd, Darwen</u> <u>James Dewhurst Ltd, Accrington</u> <u>Panaz Ltd, Burnley</u> <u>Victrex plc, Thornton</u> <u>Cleveleys</u> <u>Wolstenholme International Ltd, Darwen</u>	<u>Scapa Group plc, Blackburn</u>

Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award
1998	<u>Statestrong Ltd, Lytham</u>	
1999		
2000	<u>Singletons Dairy Ltd, Longridge</u>	
2001		<u>Solvent Resource Management, Morecambe</u>
2002	<u>BAE Systems Land Platform Communications, Blackburn</u> <u>Victrex plc, Thornton</u> <u>Cleveleys</u>	<u>Flexipol Packaging Ltd, Haslingden</u> <u>Shackerley (Holdings) Group Ltd, Chorley</u>
2003		<u>Fairbanks Environmental Ltd, Skelmersdale</u> <u>Promethean Ltd, Blackburn</u>
2004	<u>BMP Europe Ltd, Accrington</u> <u>BSW Ltd, Lancaster</u>	<u>Panaz Ltd, Burnley</u>
2005	<u>Millbrook Instruments Ltd, Blackburn</u> <u>Nitecrest Ltd, Leyland</u> <u>Singletons Dairy Ltd, Longridge</u>	<u>SiS (Science in Sport) Limited, Old Langho</u>
2006	<u>Langtec Ltd, Accrington</u> <u>Victrex plc, Thornton</u> <u>Cleveleys</u>	<u>EnviroSystems (UK) Ltd, Barton, Preston</u> <u>Precision Polymer Engineering Ltd, Blackburn</u>
2007	<u>Cobham Defence Communications Ltd, Blackburn</u> <u>Helical Technology Ltd, Lytham St Annes</u> <u>Precision Polymer Engineering Ltd, Blackburn</u>	<u>BMP Europe Ltd, Accrington</u> <u>Shackerley (Holdings) Group, Chorley</u>
2008	<u>Fort Vale Engineering Ltd, Nelson</u>	

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Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award	Sustainable Development - 1993 onwards
2009	<u>GSD (Corporate) Ltd.</u> , Preston <u>Leyland Trucks Ltd.</u> , Leyland <u>Metals UK Ltd.</u> , Blackburn <u>Nitecrest Ltd.</u> , Leyland <u>Pigott Shaft Drilling Ltd.</u> , Woodplumpton, Preston		
2010	<u>Euravia Engineering & Supply Co. Ltd.</u> , Kelbrook, near Barnoldswick		<u>Recycling Lives Ltd.</u> , Preston
2011	<u>MacUK Neuroscience Ltd.</u> , Blackpool	<u>Linemark (UK) Limited.</u> , Rawtenstall	<u>Brighter Future Workshop Limited</u> , Skelmersdale
2012	<u>ACDC LED Ltd.</u> , Barrowford, Nelson <u>BMP Europe Ltd.</u> , Altham, Accrington Colonial Gifts Ltd., Padiham, Burnley <u>Langtec Ltd.</u> , Altham, Accrington	<u>Hurst Green Plastics Ltd.</u> , Whalley, Nr Clitheroe	
2013	<u>Fort Vale Engineering Ltd.</u> , Simonstone, Burnley <u>Rinicom Ltd.</u> , Lancaster		
2014	<u>Carradice of Nelson Limited.</u> , Pendle T.I.S.S. Limited, Blackpool <u>What More UK Limited.</u> , Padiham, Burnley		<u>Recycling Lives Ltd.</u> , Preston
2015	<u>Beaconsfield Footwear Ltd.</u> (parent company Hotter Ltd.), Skelmersdale, West Lancashire. <u>Evans Vanodine International Plc.</u> , Bamber Bridge, Preston (South Ribble)		
2016	<u>Fairbanks Environmental Limited.</u> , Skelmersdale, West Lancashire <u>GA Pet Food Partners.</u> , Chorley <u>Linemark UK Limited.</u> , Rawtenstall, Rossendale <u>Slingco Ltd.</u> , Whitworth, Rossendale	<u>Aqua Fabrications Ltd.</u> , Skelmersdale, West Lancashire	

Year	International Trade Award	Innovation Award	Sustainable Development - 1993 onwards	Promoting Opportunity (through social mobility) 2017 onwards
2017	<u>Chelsom Ltd.</u> , Blackpool <u>Greenbank Technology Ltd.</u> , Blackburn <u>The TastyBone Company Ltd.</u> , Blackburn			
2018	<u>Recycling Lives Ltd.</u> , Preston <u>Rinicom Ltd.</u> , Lancaster	T.I.S.S. Limited, Blackpool		

Sources: [GOV.UK](#) website and [the London Gazette](#) website.

The full list of 2018 winners and recipients of the Queen's Awards for Enterprise can be found on [the London Gazette](#) website.

7 Royal Warrants in the Lancashire-14 area

Royal warrants of appointment have been issued for centuries to traders who supply goods or services. The website for the [Royal Warrant Holders Association](#) includes five companies with sites in Lancashire: [Carr & Day & Martin Ltd.](#), [Day Son & Hewitt Ltd.](#), [James Baxter & Son Ltd.](#), [Peter Reed](#) and [Crown Paints](#).