

## **Solihull Awards 2026**

Please see below for a breakdown of each category:

### **Solihull Breakthrough Business 2026**

This award celebrates start-ups and SMEs who demonstrate exceptional achievements, have overcome obstacles and/or risen to business challenges. Applicable to those that have started a business within the last 2 years, or with no more than 40 employees.

### **Solihull Business without Borders Award 2026**

Open to businesses who have demonstrated excellence in international business, navigating the complexities of international markets to achieve success and support their business' growth.

### **Solihull Community Builder 2026**

This award celebrates contribution to the community and is aimed at businesses going above and beyond to make a committed and proactive contribution to the enhancement and benefit of their community. It recognises businesses prioritising their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) practices.

### **Solihull Customer Commitment Award 2026**

This award is open to businesses that have provided exemplary service to customers, have made exceptional contributions in this area, exceeding normal expectations, and delivered outstanding quality service to their customers, in a way that sets them apart from their competitors. It includes service industries, professional services, hospitality and retail establishments, events companies, and suppliers, and is open to both bricks-and-mortar and online businesses.

### **Solihull Digital Revolutionary 2026**

This award celebrates businesses in any sector who demonstrate excellence in technical innovation, application development and design. It recognises organisations that are pioneering new ways of working, embracing cutting-edge technologies, and creating digital solutions that make a real difference. We are looking for businesses that think differently, solve challenges creatively, and lead the way in their industry through technology.

### **Solihull Influencer 2026**

Recognising achievements in supporting the growth and visibility of the business, and covers sales, marketing, digital media, events, PR and other communication roles either in-house or within a specialist agency.

### **Solihull Non-Profit Champion 2026**

This award celebrates excellence in the third sector. It is open to and includes charities, voluntary and community groups, social and creative enterprises and cooperative organisations who have made a significant contribution and impact in Solihull through social, environmental and community initiatives.

### **Solihull Pioneer 2026**

This award is applicable to those in any sector who have created innovative solutions through their work, to positively impact delivery, performance or customer experience. This award is open to organisations and leaders who think outside the box, challenge the norm and bring fresh ideas to life and shining a light on those who are pioneering progress and setting new standards in their field.

### **Solihull Sustainability Trailblazer 2026**

For any business that is successfully addressing environmental challenges through innovative and sustainable practices and/or projects, and demonstrating a strong commitment to change.

### **Solihull Unsung Hero 2026**

This award celebrates individuals or organisations who make a difference every single day, supporting others to develop, thrive and grow. It recognises achievers who are self-motivated and dedicated to their role or mission, and have made an outstanding and significant contribution to their organisation or another business whilst demonstrating leadership skills and qualities. Please note, an organisation can nominate its own employee or another organisation, but it cannot nominate itself. (For example: Company A can nominate its employee John, or it can nominate Company B who has really helped it out this year. But Company A cannot nominate itself.)

### **Solihull Workplace Champion 2026**

Celebrating businesses that have made a difference in their workplace. From providing training and mentoring, to supporting wellbeing and EDI, this award recognises those who have gone above and beyond to build a positive culture in their organisation.

### **Solihull Business of the Year 2026**

One of the category winners will be crowned Solihull Business of the Year.

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