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Showcasing Lincolnshire Business Heroes supporting the community during lockdown



BY CHARLOTTE WATSON

Last month we launched our first feature celebrating Lincolnshire's business heroes and their contribution to our county, this month we are back again to feature many more unsung business heroes.

"We launched this initiative back in June working with TED East Lindsey and the response we received was phenomenal, with nearly 200 nominations it really highlighted the crucial part businesses play in keeping the community spirit alive in such hard times" expressed Charlotte Watson, Head of PR, Marketing, Comms and Policy at Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce.

"We are stronger together has been our key message throughout the pandemic and will continue to be so because we are exactly that 'Stronger Together' and these stories just highlight that even more so."



First up is The Priory Hotel in Louth, a unique, quirky little hotel and restaurant with a big heart.

The Priory Hotel were nominated in the Lincolnshire Business Heroes for their creation of the Neighbours Kitchen, a

food delivery service for the elderly and vulnerable in Louth.

Commenting on the nomination is Paul Hughill of The Priory Hotel: "Our decision to establish The Neighbours Kitchen as soon as the lockdown was announced

meant that members of the community who were hit hardest were looked after while the local authorities and charitable groups organised their response.

"The warm and positive support from the community and local business meant its rapid growth and is still operating. We have been able to cook and deliver over 15000 meals and redistribute enough produce to provide an additional 25000 meals. We started the Neighbours Kitchen because it was just the right thing to do but to receive this nomination means the world to everyone involved and will spur us on to do more in the coming months and years. It is an honour to give back to the community who support our unique business in good times."

Continuing the fantastic community spirit with our next nomination is Lincoln Gin, lovingly handmade at The Lincoln Distillery with locally inspired botanicals.

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A customer of Lincoln Gin commented on the support offered by the company during such difficult times: "During lockdown Matt & Jen have gone above & beyond to help keyworkers. They switched from making their amazing gin to making and donating hand sanitisers, a much-needed resource in such times."

"At a time when small business owners are struggling and worrying about their future, Matt and Jen have carried on with a smile on their face, ensuring that those who need it the most have the resources available to continue working in the community. They don't expect praise or thanks, but I believe they deserve it."

The hard times like these often bring out beaming lights of inspiration that people can get behind to help one another get through and these stories are just that, stories of inspiration and community spirit.

Our next nomination is George Adams Butchers in Spalding, who recently celebrated its second anniversary despite difficult times.

Well known for its award-winning pies, George Adams have provided an amazing service for its customers during lockdown.

"They have provided a free delivery service to the elderly and the vulnerable and also introduced a click and collect service to make sure no one goes without, both of which are new measures bought in to help out" said a customer of George Adams Butchers.

Another customer said: "They have been so busy providing an amazing service to the whole community throughout this pandemic and continue to do so, they have definitely gone above and beyond and deserve the Lincolnshire Business Hero recognition."

Our final Lincolnshire Business Hero recognition is T&B Containers Ltd based in Boston, a family run business with over 50 years' knowledge and experience of all aspects of corrugated packaging.

Luke Newark, Commercial Manager at T&B Containers wanted to recognise the staff at T&B Containers saying: "Our real



Lincoln Gin have donated hand sanitisers during lockdown

heroes are our staff who, with the support of the management, have adapted to the quickly evolving situation we all find ourselves in.

"As a packaging supplier our products are required for the supply of essential products to local and national businesses. With most of our products focussed on the food industry we have ensured every order has been met and new lines have been developed to support home deliveries to the nation."

Charlotte concluded: "From donating and delivering food to the elderly and vulnerable, supporting key workers, adapting services, these businesses and many more have made such an impact on people they have helped and our wider community."

"We do not know how long the pandemic will affect us, but it is so important we recognise those businesses who serve without recognition, support and help others along the way."

"We will also be featuring these businesses and more across the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce website visit www.lincs-chamber.co.uk"



Green light for job creation scheme

More than 400 new county jobs are one step nearer, after councillors gave the go-ahead for work to start on an exciting new development.

West Lindsey District Council has given Stirlin Developments – which is working in partnership with Castle Square Securities and Banks Long & Co – the green light for its Enterprise West Lindsey site.

Stirlin Developments Managing Director James Kirby said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have secured outline planning permission. This scheme has been several years in the making and it will provide opportunities for many years to come. We first identified the site in 2015, as an obvious and required extension of our Saxilby Enterprise Park."

"The Saxilby and Ingleby Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan consultation was in full swing and we had to move swiftly to promote our scheme for its inclusion. The Parish Council was fantastic to work with and appreciated the merits of our proposal."

Although Mr Kirby cannot give a definite start date, initial enabling and site servicing work will get under way within months and definitely before the end of this year.

"The 20-acre site will provide more than 200,000sq ft of space and offer design-and-build requirements from 3,000sq ft to 30,000sq ft and a range of freehold and leasehold properties."

"These will include light industrial, hybrid and office units suitable for a wide range of businesses, from start-ups to small-to-medium enterprises and larger national operators wanting a presence in the Lincoln area," said Mr Kirby.

"I am feeling incredibly positive about the Enterprise West Lindsey site because its location has fantastic connectivity and has always enjoyed strong demand during the years that we have been developing in the area."

"This site, unlike any other we have previously delivered, will be capable of much larger requirements. Therefore, it will facilitate a much broader range of businesses."

Castle Square Securities Director George Lockwood said: "It's terrific to have secured outline planning permission in this strategic and burgeoning location."



"With a clear understanding of the site and balanced approach to employment use and the environment, we are excited to now see the full potential realised at Enterprise West Lindsey, delivering growth for the district and Greater Lincoln area."

Banks Long & Co Associate Director Lewis Cove said: "We are delighted to hear that planners have given Stirlin permission to make a start on this important project. We look forward to widely marketing the opportunities it offers, to industrial and commercial occupiers across a broad range of sectors."

EarlyBird Lifestyle Support Wins at Lincolnshire Care Awards

Recently, EarlyBird Lifestyle Support's Managing Director Damian Taylor won a prestigious award at the Lincolnshire Care Awards, organised by the Lincolnshire Care Association.

These annual awards honour exceptional care workers, teams and organisations that go above and beyond for their service users. The awards put the spotlight on the hard work and dedication carers bring to the job every

single day, particularly those who go the extra mile for their service users. The event took place on 27th February, before the lockdown came into force.

Damian won the Community Care Leadership Award, which is presented to 'an individual in a community care setting who can demonstrate Leadership that leads to improved quality of life for the users of their service'.

Damian said: "I feel emotional. To see

everybody together tonight and being recognised for the work they do has been incredible. Everybody in the room who works in this industry is a winner."

"We are extremely honored to have not only been nominated for this award, but to win it means everything! We could not do this without all the support we have from our team and also the companies we work alongside."



DoubleTree by Hilton Hull introduces Hilton CleanStay

Having remained open for long-stay residents and essential workers only during lockdown, the DoubleTree by Hilton Lincoln successfully reopened its doors to all guests at the beginning of July with Hilton CleanStay. Elements of Hilton CleanStay will greet guests from the moment they enter the hotel and will be present throughout every aspect of the experience, ensuring the well-being of guests and Team Members without compromising the hospitality the DoubleTree by Hilton Lincoln is known for.

"As the hospitality industry evolves to address travelers' changing expectations – especially in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic – Hilton CleanStay is the latest evolution of Hilton's commitment to providing the peace of mind and confidence guests need to travel freely, while protecting our Team Members," said Jonathan



Pritchard, General Manager.

"Though hospitality may look different in the short term, we are proud to welcome our guests again and create the unforgettable experiences they have come to expect from us."

For more information on the CleanStay program please visit www.hilton.com/cleanstay

For more information on EventReady please visit <https://meetings.hilton.com/eventready>

LIVES celebrates 50 years of saving lives in Lincolnshire

Emergency response charity, LIVES has celebrated their 50 year anniversary at Doddington Hall and Gardens this weekend.

The setting of Doddington Hall and Gardens, with their annual sculpture trail was perfect for a socially distanced celebration for LIVES. The invitation only event, on Sunday, August 9, allowed the perfect showcase of LIVES, giving supporters the opportunity to chat to the team and witness life-saving scenarios carried out by LIVES volunteers.

Nikki Cooke, CEO at LIVES explained, "We have been really excited about our 50th anniversary year, but COVID has hampered many of our plans and activities. We are so grateful to Doddington Hall who have allowed us an opportunity to see so many of our wonderful supporters and celebrate this important milestone."

The evening saw a wide range of people attending from LIVES responders and their families to Lincolnshire businesses who have supported the charity, many who have helped raised the £1.4 million needed to keep the army of responder on the road.

The charity, provide equipment, support and sector leading training to volunteers so that they can respond to medical emergencies in Lincolnshire. Each Responder is tasked to an emergency by the control centre in Bracebridge Heath, who receive incoming 999 calls. LIVES has a wide range of volunteers from Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics to Community First



Nikki Cooke cuts the cake

Responders, who train to different level, all of whom have saved thousands of lives across the county.

LIVES are very proud to be turning 50 this year, but have had to suspend almost all of its anniversary celebrations and fundraising activities, due to the pandemic. They have continued to support its communities by responding to medical emergencies when a 999 call is made, in full PPE. You can still support LIVES safely by making a donation through their website: www.LIVES.org.uk

Roythornes and LK2 collaborate to offer 360 planning support

Planning specialists Roythornes Solicitors and The LK2 Group have collaborated to offer a more joined-up approach between traditionally distanced design and legal planning teams, supporting both sectors as they emerge from lockdown to consolidate the provision of professional services that should be bolstered by the Government's recently outlined proposed strategy of "build, build, build".

The partnership will provide clients with a holistic view of any development project, ensuring it is fully scoped - not just to identify planning and design merits, but to uncover and address any legal hurdles or issues at an early stage, with a view to minimising risks at later stages which could put the entirety of a scheme in jeopardy.

Shruti Trivedi, partner and head of planning at Roythornes Solicitors, said: "We've worked alongside LK2 on a number of projects, but this is the first time that we have formally collaborated to bring the sometimes-fractured process of design and planning together. By receiving legal advice at an early stage, we can look at the project differently and better advise on the land development potential early enough to identify any possible hurdles or risks that may arise legally as often schemes are far more advanced before legal and strategic input is sought, often destroying viability or deliverability."

"As we know, the Government recently



Paul Starbuck

announced its 'build, build, build' strategy but pushing these projects through planning, relies on great architecture underpinned by solid legal advice where risks are managed at all stages and not just on design or planning grounds. This is something we hope to offer through this collaboration, aimed particularly at the specialist projects and client base LK2 are well-known for."

Paul Starbuck, director at LK2, said: "At LK2 we enjoy working collaboratively, from single projects to framework schemes, to achieve the best outcomes for our projects and clients. We're therefore delighted to be working alongside Roythornes to offer our clients and contacts the best possible outcome for upcoming projects."

"There is sense of optimism within the industry, but we still have a number of challenges ahead. Planning will be key on the road to recovery and by bringing legal expertise in early, we're able to find out if a project is viable from the very beginning. It gives our clients a stronger sense of confidence in the project because we can offer an all-encompassing service for all their planning needs."

Shruti added: "We're expecting to see a number of legislative changes in the coming months which will usher in a host of changes. For instance, the changing permitted development regime being introduced will allow greater flexibility between uses, there will be a relaxation of planning and licencing requirements for premises, and it will be possible to re-utilise vacant buildings more effectively as well as the ability to promote upwards extensions."



Shruti Trivedi

Council provide grant boost to South Holland market traders

South Holland District Council has created a new funding initiative to provide vital financial assistance to regular market traders in the District, to help our market towns and businesses build for the future and aid the economic and social recovery from COVID-19.

Frequent traders on the District's markets in Spalding, Holbeach, Long Sutton and Crowland have now been contacted by the Council's economic development team to invite them to come forward for a £5,000 grant. This also follows the ongoing decision to temporarily waive market fees for traders since their return in June, to help the

transition out of lockdown and towards customers returning to shop with them.

Since lockdown began in March the Council has helped distribute over £17million of Government support to over 1,500 businesses in the District, with this new initiative joining the second phase of discretionary grant funding which opened on Monday (3 August). To qualify traders will need to have not received grants from any other district council, have been trading as a business on 11 March 2020 and not be in administration, insolvent or subject to a striking-off notice.

There are no restrictions on how the

traders choose to spend their grants, which can be used to offset the impact of coronavirus over recent months or to invest in helping grow their offer for the future.

Councillor Nick Worth, deputy leader and portfolio holder for growth and commercialisation, said: "It's fantastic that the Council has been able to support a wide array of businesses of different sectors and sizes throughout the pandemic, and I think it is important that we are able to specifically support the traders who are an established part of South Holland's heritage and who offer a vital service to so many residents every

week."

Councillor Roger Gambba-Jones, portfolio holder for place, said: "I am pleased we are able to show our commitment to South Holland's markets through these grants, and hope they will provide an invaluable opportunity for traders across the District after the difficulties of recent months and COVID-19.

"The markets are an integral part of our wider, long-term ambitions for Spalding and other town centres, and I hope we can work closely with traders to take these exciting steps together through our town centre improvement plan."

University on a mission to empower businesses

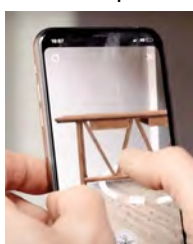
The University of Lincoln takes pride in its "civic" mission to add social value and economic progress to Greater Lincolnshire and beyond by working with businesses of all sizes and sectors, from start-ups to large organisations, to solve operational challenges and remove barriers to growth.

Since its founding by a group of entrepreneurs, enterprise and innovation have been at the heart of the University's expansion, while engaging with our local business community has been essential to our growth as a dynamic institution. Our recent accolade of a Top-150 in the THE Young University World Rankings list, was no doubt achieved in part thanks to our strong ties with industry.

Businesses can take advantage of our wide-ranging subject knowledge and industry-leading facilities across a vast range of sectors, from food and drink to heritage and conservation, agri-tech to executive development, digitalisation to health care, and so much more. The University of Lincoln's Business Development teams and industry-led academics are passionate about solving real-life problems, placing our partners' needs at the center of every conversation. Our approach is to understand each organisation's specific

requirements and present tailored solutions, including training and development programmes, recruitment support, funding resources, product development expertise.

One such strand of support is the Productivity Programme for Greater Lincolnshire, which seeks to drive productivity and innovation across the



county by providing a range of services to SMEs, such as match-funded grants, academic expertise, business advisor support and part-funded internships.

A great example of a local business which has benefited support from the Productivity Programme is Matthew Cox, Stamford-based made-to-measure furniture maker. Our fifty percent match-funded grant helped the company to commission augmented reality technology during the Coronavirus pandemic so it could diversify and still operate. Camilla McLean, Director, comments "I would not have been confident move forwards with this project without the productivity grant. The process was made easy thanks especially to the huge amount of support from the University of Lincoln."

We'd be delighted to find out what we can do for you and your team. The full range of services available can be found on our business support webpages or please contact us for more information.



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Marketing pro joins SEO Traffic Lab and they need more



Jessica Milner

Covid-19 has had implications for businesses of all shapes and sizes. Coronavirus is said to have accelerated an estimated 150,000 redundancies so far.

With the Government furlough scheme coming to an end on October 31st, the scheme is said to have protected 7.5 million worker and almost 1 million businesses, at a cost of £10.1 billion. However, if these businesses cannot go back to "the new normal" there is a real risk of more redundancies being made with a current unemployment rate of 3.9 per cent in a population of 66 million.

SEO Traffic Lab is one of the few firms who, as a result of continued growth through the pandemic have just made a notable hire and are currently recruiting for multiple roles.

SEO Traffic Lab is going from strength to strength, while working with local, national and international businesses during Covid-19. With the majority of clients seeing an increase in Return On Investment, Revenue and Conversion Value.

Jessica Milner, Account Manager, recently joined SEO Traffic Lab, having found herself without work.

"I am so thrilled to be back at SEO Traffic Lab, the company has grown continually since I left in 2017 and it has been incredible to watch from afar. I was left without work as a result of Covid-19 and got back in touch with Richard (CEO and founder). I was over the moon to learn that they were hiring during a pandemic."

"It says so much about the leadership, the business and the hard work of the team that they are not only surviving but are actually thriving and in a position to take on new recruits."

"It is evident to see that the team is not holding back, both the SEO and the PPC departments have developed frameworks that are able to support our clients to transform their business."

Not only have SEO Traffic Lab made an impressive hire, they currently have multiple roles available, including a mini-internship for graduates who have gone through an incredibly difficult time over the last six months and have a lot of questions as to what their future looks like.

For more information on any of the roles visit www.seotrafficlab.com/careers.

Foreign investment in Greater Lincolnshire creates 300 new jobs

Twenty-six overseas companies invested in the Greater Lincolnshire LEP area in the last year, creating almost 300 new jobs before the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

A report from the Department for International Trade shows a 30 per cent increase in successful FDI (foreign direct investment) projects in 2019/20 compared to the previous year.

The number of successful investment projects has now increased every year since 2014/15.

Almost half the 299 new jobs (48 per cent) pay salaries above £25,000 per year as companies invest in automation and require higher skilled technicians and engineers to support the equipment.

The 26 businesses that have invested in Greater Lincolnshire have parent companies in 17 different countries, including Singapore, Iceland, Japan and China. Most investment projects came from Denmark and the United States (four each).

Expansions and acquisitions account for almost one-third of the investment activity – the highest proportion recorded over the six-year period from 2014.

Eight businesses were acquired by foreign investors: US-owned Teleflora acquired Interflora in Spalding, Guttridge in Spalding was acquired by the Australian-owned Mitchell Group, and the Japanese-owned Nissui acquired its third Greater Lincolnshire company – Flatfish in Grimsby.

Ørsted, the Danish global leader in offshore wind energy which has a base in Grimsby, has continued to expand, creating 80 new jobs as part of the Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm.

Chinese owned Dynex Semiconductor in Lincoln has invested in the upgrade of its Doddington Road facility, creating 30 additional skilled R&D engineer roles to fulfil automotive sector contracts.

Norwegian food giant Orkla ASA opened a UK central depot for ice cream manufacturer NIC Ice at St Modwen Park in Witham St Hugh's near Lincoln, creating 11 new jobs. German-owned DHL has also moved onto St Modwen Park.

"Last year was another excellent one in terms of attracting foreign investment into Greater Lincolnshire," said Pat Doody, Chair of the Greater Lincolnshire LEP.

"We hope to see a further increase



Pat Doody

in new inward investments in the food and drink and agritech sectors over the coming years as the Food Enterprise Zone in Holbeach takes shape.

"The FEZ is an ideal opportunity for innovative SMEs in the food supply chain to base themselves alongside the University of Lincoln and a ready-made customer base in the heart of Lincolnshire – the UK's food processing capital."

The Department of Trade Figures relate to the financial year 2019/20 and so do not cover most of the period of the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK.

Ongo Recruitment set to expand

After achieving 105 per cent of their annual target, Ongo Recruitment have revealed plans to expand into the industrial and engineering sectors, and offer even more services.

The team have been operating for 17 years and supply temporary project workers, permanent staff and apprentices within regional and national businesses.

They recently celebrated their best year yet with £1.5 million in revenue and £50,000 profit. With this success and an increasingly high demand, they are growing their reach.

One of the reasons behind this is their use of the latest market leading technology to narrow down their audience, making sure specific skills are met, along with directly targeting candidates and running large recruitment campaigns.

This includes full advertising and social media management for each project and is especially useful for our areas green energy projects with specialist skills such as mechanical and engineering, turbine experience, biomass and IOSH requirements.

Their not for profit promise makes the services they provide far more competitive than the average high street recruiter. And as they are part of the Ongo Partnership, all profit they make is reinvested back into community projects. Most recently



this has funded food packages for those most in need throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Rich Green, Recruitment Manager said: "I am incredibly proud of the team and what we've achieved, even in times of uncertainty, like now during lockdown.

"It's really important we offer a quality, professional service. That's why we've really refined what we offer over the last few years, to make sure we do it well. We're now ready to deliver in new sectors, and can't wait to talk to more businesses.

"If you're looking to recruit staff now or in the future, please get in touch with us

to see how we can help, we'd love to hear from you."

At their onsite training centre there are a range of courses available from health and safety to food hygiene qualifications. They also work closely with Ongo's Employment Support Team who offer training and development, to make sure future employees are ready to fulfil the roles required by clients.

Want to find out more about Ongo Recruitment and what they offer? Find them on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, or simply head to: www.ongorecruitment.co.uk.

Happy Birthday Jerry Green Dog Rescue!

2020 marks 59 incredible years of Jerry Green Dog Rescue and they'd like you to join in their celebrations.

In that time, they've transformed the lives of more than 43,000 dogs, providing love, medical support and shelter for the unfortunate dogs who have nowhere else to go.

The charity has had a challenging year as Alex Drewett, Fundraising Team Leader explains: "Our 59th year has not been without its challenges, with dogs spending longer in our care due to having more complex rehoming criteria (therefore increasing our operating costs) and the recent Covid-19 pandemic affecting us both operationally and with our fundraising, it has been tough, but our dedicated teams have kept going, fuelled by the public's generous support.



"As we look ahead to our 60th birthday, we wonder where we will be as our future is uncertain. But what we do know is that we will continue providing the highest standard of care to all of the dogs who have found themselves with nowhere else to go, with your help.

"But it hasn't been all doom and gloom. It has also been a year of celebration and success, we are so proud of everything our team, past and present, has achieved.

"We will be sharing with you just a few of our highlights on our social media channels – so keep your eyes peeled for lots of fun this weekend and make sure you join in!"

■ You can join in on the charity's celebrations this weekend by visiting:
Facebook: @Jerry Green Dog Rescue
Twitter: @JerryGreenDogs
Instagram: @JerryGreenDogs
LinkedIn: @Jerry Green Dog Rescue

■ How you can help:
To give them a birthday gift sure to make any rescue dogs day, you can donate to the charity's vital work:

To donate £1, text BIRTHDAY to 70201
To donate £3, text BIRTHDAY to 70331
To donate £5, text BIRTHDAY to 70970
To donate £10, text BIRTHDAY to 70191
Or you can donate online at www.jerrygreendogs.org.uk/its-our-59th-birthday

Welcome to our new members



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Learn how to cut costs and carbon

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce have partnered with Smart Energy Greater Lincolnshire to host a virtual exhibition which will bring together businesses who want to move to a more sustainable future.

Taking place on Wednesday, 30th September from 9.00am – 12.30pm, this 'Be Business Smart: Cut Costs and Carbon' Virtual Exhibition will provide a forum to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy through learning

forums, knowledge sharing activities, panel discussions and case studies.

Aimed at SME's across all sectors in Greater Lincolnshire, the event is FREE to attend as a delegate with virtual exhibitor booth opportunities at £25 + VAT for members and £40 + VAT for non-members.

Businesses can expect the event to mimic a physical exhibition – with delegates able to 'click around'

the exhibition the same as they would 'walk around' a physical one, visiting stands, attending talks, 1-2-1 sessions and networking.

Exhibitors can host a promotional video of their company or they can interact live with 'visitors to their booth. supporting business to transition to a low carbon economy."

To register as a delegate, book an exhibition booth or find out more visit www.lincs-chamber.co.uk

#BuildBackBetter

Be Business Smart: Cut Costs and Carbon

30th September 2020,
9.00am – 12.30pm

Exhibit from £25 + VAT
or attend as a delegate for free.

www.lincs-chamber.co.uk/events



Events

ChamberConnect: Business & International Trade as Nations Emerge from Lockdown

10th September, 10.00am-noon
FREE via Zoom

Virtual Lincolnshire Construction and Property Network

15th September, 12.30pm-2.00pm
FREE via Zoom

ChamberConnect: Director Development – How to Engage your Team in Changing Times

Four-part workshop
23rd September, 1.30pm-4.30pm
25th September, 1.30pm-4.30pm
5th October, 9.30am-12.30pm
12th October, 9.30am-12.30pm
FREE via Zoom

For more events and bookings, please see our events page: www.lincs-chamber.co.uk/events or call the team on 01522 523333.

South Holland Business Awards cancelled

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce has announced its South Holland Business Awards will not take place this year.

The Awards, an annual event for many years now were set to return in November, however after careful consideration the Chamber and award partners have made the difficult decision to cancel the awards but will return in 2021.

The difficult decision was taken in a bid to help protect our colleagues, venue staff and as well as minimising risk to the local business community.

Simon Beardsley, Chief Executive, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce explains the decision "I am sure you can appreciate this isn't a decision we have taken lightly or with any satisfaction, it is a huge disappointment to us, our year on year sponsors and of course the South Holland business community.

"After careful consultation with the team, the board and partners, we feel the most sensible way forward was to cancel this year's awards."

Councillor Nick Worth, South Holland District Council deputy leader and portfolio holder for growth and commercialisation, said: "It is a great shame, although entirely understandable for everyone involved, that it will not be possible to hold this prestigious event this year."

The South Holland Business Awards will return in 2021 to celebrate the great achievements of local businesses.

For updates on dates for 2021, sponsorship and applications visit www.shb-awards.co.uk/