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Overview: Brunelcare wins Care Employer Award South West at Great British Care Awards, South West regional finals

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BRUNELCARE, the South West-based charity that provides care and support for elderly people, has won the Care Employer Award at the Great South West Care Awards 2017.

The ceremony, which was hosted at the Bristol Marriott Hotel, was attended by 400 people working for health and social care companies in the region.

The organisation was recognised for its commitment to care and having a sustained track record of delivering high-quality care and managing improvement.



Employee Monika Szwolko, above, who works at Brunelcare's Saffron Gardens care home, also picked up the Ancillary Worker Award and was applauded for her excellence caring for people she looks after.

The charity now goes forward as a finalist for the Great British Care Awards taking place in Birmingham early next spring.

Kevin Fairman, Brunelcare's chief executive, says: "We won the Care Employer Award because of the great quality of care that all our employees provide day-in and day-out in their roles."

CBRE BRISTOL employees rowed 50km in under four hours in aid of charity Shelter as part of the company's #Row50 challenge.

Three teams of five rowers competed against each other - and

other CBRE offices across the UK - to complete the challenge using rowing machines supplied by Clifton's Nuffield Health, with refreshments provided by Friska.

As well as providing the machines, Nuffield Health also offered CBRE staff free Health MOTs in exchange for donations.

The winning team, Bristol Professional, completed the distance in three hours 34 minutes, with all funds raised going to Shelter.

"Everyone who has competed today has shown great teamwork and dedication in the name of such an important cause. With the winning team achieving such an impressive time, we're confident our rowers are among the fastest CBRE teams in the country," said Garry Hicks, head of CBRE's Bristol office.

DIVA, the Bristol creative agency, has scooped two national prizes for work it did with Sony Interactive Entertainment UK.

The agency's integrated Out of Home campaign was recognised twice at the 2017 Creative Out of Home Awards, which is run by international magazine *The Drum*.

The agency's launch-campaign work for the new video game IP, *Horizon Zero Dawn*, scooped the top award in the Integrated Campaign and Best use of Illustration categories.

The campaign was also highly commended in a third category and was shortlisted by judges for the Grand Prix Award.

"We are over the moon to have our work recognised and celebrated in this way," said Diva managing director Andy Barnes. "We've always believed in the strength of our work, but we've historically been pretty quiet at shouting about it. It's lovely for the team to be recognised so publicly for the outstanding work that they do."

ARV SOLUTIONS, the recruitment consultancy based in Bristol, was "delighted" when managing director

Jim Roach scooped Manager of the



■ Jenny Goss and Robert O'Leary



■ Creative agency Diva's work

Year at the Investors in People Awards.

Jim established Bristol-based ARV Solutions in 2003 in order to focus on recruitment for the construction industry, in particular the growing sector of offsite construction.

He said: "I am very proud of the supportive and nurturing environment we have at ARV Solutions, and I know that it is something the whole team values.

"The IIP recognises the importance for companies to train and develop their employees, so winning this award means a great deal to me and reconfirms that we are doing the right thing. The future of recruitment is in collaboration not competition, and I believe we are leading the way in our industry with this ethos."

ARV Solutions has flourished in the last three years, with plans to grow significantly over the next year and hire additional staff.

O'LEARYGOSS, the award-winning Bristol architecture firm, is celebrating its involvement in more than 100 regional projects in the last 25 years, worth an estimated £200m to the region.

Director Robert O'Leary, said: "Bristol's population increases by 1,600 households a year but only 600 homes are being built.

"There is a desperate shortage for city homes in a space constrained by natural borders. We imagine the skyline is set to change with more vertical buildings to accommodate this housing crisis.

Recently completed developments include a five-storey property in Old Market with 39 one, two and three-bedroom apartments along with six apartments in a defunct NHS city office.

Another 148 flats, family homes and penthouses are in the former 15-storey office Lewins Place.

A further 70 apartments and eight town houses have been completed in Southville on a brownfield site of former workshops. The first phase facing Coronation Road is now occupied.

Robert added: "Projects grow because we work so closely with clients to achieve budgets and deadlines. We excel with tricky builds in difficult spaces and particularly love creating something new and special out of old buildings that people will love to create a home in."

BEARD, the Bristol-based construction firm, which is currently building the ss Great Britain's new £72m Being Brunel museum and visitor experience in the city's historic dockyard, has marked the end of its 125th year of business with the opening of a new office at 109 Pembroke Road, Clifton.

Langford Lodge, a Victorian building previously occupied by international management and construction consultants Gleeds, was

acquired by the £136m-turnover contractor two years ago and completely refurbished into state-of-the-art office space with onsite parking facilities.



■ *The Beard team*

The new premises offers a more central base for the family firm's Bristol operations which were previously north of the city in Westbury-on-Trym.

Regional director Mike Hedges said: "Our move to Clifton is an important one for us all at Beard as we celebrate our 125th business anniversary. It's a fabulous building in a superb location which we're really excited about.

"Langford Lodge not only gives us a larger and more flexible workspace, it brings us closer to our clients, consultants and projects.

"Putting down firm roots in the city also extends our customer reach and operational capability in Bristol and the South West."