

WRA's 25th Anniversary Celebration - Award Categories

Judges may consider awarding more than one winner per category, where appropriate.

WRA Business Champion Award

The Wood Recyclers' Association Business Champion Award recognises those WRA member companies which have consistently delivered outstanding performance and exemplified best practice within the waste wood sector.

Open to all categories of membership, including reuse, recycling, recovery and service members, the recipients of this Award will have demonstrated exceptional leadership alongside a strong commitment to sustainability, safety and best practice.

The Award celebrates businesses that go beyond core operations to champion high standards and innovation, helping to strengthen the sector today while supporting its success for the future.

WRA Rising Star Award

The WRA Rising Star Award recognises an individual who has demonstrated exceptional passion and drive early in their career and who is already making a positive contribution to their organisation and the wider industry.

Open to those who have worked in the sector for up to ten years, the Rising Star Award acknowledges individuals who show initiative, embrace innovation, and are helping to drive high standards, sustainability and progress within the waste wood sector.

This Award highlights the people who represent the future of the sector — those helping to shape a resilient, skilled and forward-looking industry for the next 25 years and beyond.

Outstanding Contribution to the UK Wood Recycling Industry

The Award for Outstanding Contribution to the UK Wood Recycling Industry recognises an individual who has made an exceptional and lasting impact on the sector.

It celebrates those whose leadership, commitment and influence have helped shape, strengthen and advance the UK waste wood industry over a sustained period. It honours significant contributions that go beyond day-to-day business activity to deliver lasting benefits for the sector as a whole.



Recipients of this Award will have demonstrated dedication to high standards, safety, sustainability, innovation or collaboration, and played a meaningful role in driving progress across the wood recycling supply chain — whether through technical expertise, industry advocacy, workforce development or long-standing service.