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# 10TH STARS OF THE FUTURE AWARDS

The 10<sup>th</sup> CPA Stars of the Future Awards was the most fiercely contested to date, with winners chosen from 72 nominations, the highest number of entries so far.

## THE TOP AWARDS WERE WON BY:

- **Lifting Technician of the Year** - Steve Lumb of Wolffkran
- **Hire Controller of the Year** - Yasmin Bell of Sunbelt Rentals
- **Plant Installer of the Year** - Jake Hodgson of Wolffkran
- **National Plant Mechanic of the Year (Level 2)** - Jack Howell of Marubeni-Komatsu
- **National Plant Technician of the Year (Level 3)** - Jack Chubb of Phoenix Hire
- **Plant Operative of the Year** - Eleanor MacMillan-Currie of WM Currie and Son
- **Best Personal Statement** - Tom Baxendell of Bachy Soletanche
- **Judges' Special Award** - Luke Cooper of Boels Rental

This year, Stars of the Future had a two tier judging process - the CPA selection panel and a panel of 14 external judges who decided the eventual winners of each category.

The external judging panel included Arran Willis of Liebherr, Kirsty Archbold-Laming of Southern Hoist Services, Siôn Morgan Jones of ACOP Group, Leigh Sparrow of the Vertikal Press, Katie Kelleher of Select Plant Hire, Graham Black of Earthmovers Magazine, Tim

Brownbridge of BAM Nuttall, Bob Harper of Sunbelt Rentals, plus independent judges Rob Allen and Gary Barnes.

Chief executive Kevin Minton said: "The standard of entries for Stars of the Future this year was exceptional, and the judges certainly had a difficult task on their hands choosing the winners. This year's nominees were in contention for some fabulous prizes, including tool kits, training courses, iPads, and a trip to crane manufacturing plant and the Bauma exhibition in Germany. It really is pleasing to see the future of our industry is in safe hands."

## THE COMPLETE LIST WINNERS:

**Plant Mechanic of the Year - North**  
Jonathan Jones, CRH Plant/Askham Bryan College

### Highly Commended

Natalie Coulton, Allan J Hargreaves Plant Engineers/ Myerscough College

Thomas Joynt, Sunbelt Rentals/Gen2

### Plant Mechanic of the Year - Midlands

Jacob Clark, Chris Clark Plant Services/NSCG Stafford College

### Highly Commended

Lucas Creasey, L Lynch Plant Hire & Haulage/ Essential Site Skills

### Plant Mechanic of the Year - South

Michael Wood, AK Plant Services,/Wiltshire College & University Centre

### Highly Commended

Ed Totman, Liebherr GB/ NSCG Stafford College  
William Curzon, Speedy Services/Askham Bryan College

### Plant Mechanic of the Year - Wales

Jack Howell, Marubeni-Komatsu/NSCG Stafford College

### Highly Commended

Thomas Jones, GT Access/Bridgend College

### Plant Mechanic of the Year - Scotland

Louie Masson, GAP Group/NCC Scotland

### Highly Commended

Andrew Manson, A & D Sutherland/NCC Scotland  
Fraser McQueen, Marubeni-Komatsu/NSCG Stafford College

### Plant Technician of the Year - North

Luke Cooper, Boels Rental/Reaseheath College

### Highly Commended

Ben Thomas Brandon Hire Station/Myerscough College

Haydon Measor, Sunbelt Rentals/Reaseheath College

### Plant Technician of the Year - Midlands

Ryan Boden, Sunbelt Rentals/Stephenson College

### Highly Commended

Liam Lavery, M Group Services - Plant & Fleet Solutions/NCC East

### Plant Technician of the Year - South

Billy Mitchell, AmeyBriggs, Wiltshire College & University Centre

### Highly Commended

Adam O'Grady, Liebherr GB/NSCG Stafford College

Dean Johnston, Liebherr GB/NSCG Stafford College

### Plant Technician of the Year - Wales

Jack Chubb, Phoenix Hire & Sales/Bridgend College

### Highly Commended

Adam Rees, Machinery Movements and Crane Hire, Bridgend College

### Plant Technician of the Year - Scotland

Martin Delaney, Briggs Equipment/NSCG Stafford College

### Highly Commended

Connor Campbell, Briggs Equipment/NSCG Stafford College

### National Plant Mechanic of the Year

Jack Howell, Marubeni-Komatsu/NSCG Stafford



### Highly Commended

Louie Masson, GAP Group/NCC Scotland

### National Plant Technician of the Year

Jack Chubb, Phoenix Hire & Sales/Bridgend College

### Highly Commended

Billy Mitchell, AmeyBriggs/Wiltshire College & University Centre

### Plant Operative of the Year

Eleanor MacMillan-Currie, WM Currie and Son

### Highly Commended

Jessica Holmes, Flannery Plant Hire

Ryan Walker, L Lynch Plant Hire & Haulage

### Plant Installer of the Year

Jake Hodgson, Wolffkran

### Lifting Technician of the Year

Steve Lumb, Wolffkran

### Highly Commended

Andrew Bowring, Ainscough Crane Hire

### Hire Controller of the Year

Yasmin Bell, Sunbelt Rentals

### College of the Year

NSCG Stafford College

### Highly Commended

Bridgend College

### Best Personal Statement Award

Tom Baxendell, Bachy Soletanche /Reaseheath College

### Judges' Special Award

Luke Cooper, Boels Rental/Reaseheath College

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Chapman, Askham Bryan College



The National Stars of the Future winners: (L-R): Steve Lumb of Wolffkran, Jack Howell of Marubeni-Komatsu, Luke Cooper of Boels Rental, Jake Hodgson of Wolffkran, Yasmin Bell of Sunbelt Rentals, Jack Chubb of Phoenix Hire & Sales and in the foreground Tom Baxendell of Bachy Soletanche.