

# Countywide Business Awards

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*Presented by: Andrew Wright, Graham Lewis, Lisa MacCormac*

**Winner: BILLY CRAVEN, PIP ELECTRIC Pic ref: Business 155**



BILLY Craven, of Pip Electric, has shown outstanding commitment to work-based learning. He is a bright young man who could have taken a more traditional route into further education, but instead decided to follow a work-based pathway into his chosen career. Billy carefully researched his options, the qualifications he would need and the employers to contact. He secured his work place – in spite of stiff competition – before embarking on an advanced apprenticeship, where he has consistently achieved his qualifications early. Billy's employers are enthusiastic in their praise for him, considering him an "outstanding" apprentice. He displays an excellent attitude to work and learning, is proactive, offers ideas, takes direction well and is trusted to do any task given to him to an exceptionally high standard. Billy hopes to continue his career in electrical installation, ultimately securing a position in management. He is well on his way to achieving this, as he starts a foundation degree later this year.

He is an excellent ambassador for apprenticeships, positively projecting the image of work-based learning. He is a first class role model for young people and an example to employers who are considering taking an apprentice in the future.

## Apprentice of the Year