

KENT INVICTA CHAMBER  
**BUSINESS AWARDS**  
2026

## **Corporate Social Value Business of the Year 2026**

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Before you begin, please read below:

<b>Total Word Count:</b>
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**The total word count of your entry should be no more than 2900 words.  
Entry forms exceeding this word limit will not be accepted by the judges.**

A maximum of 5 supporting documents e.g. tables, graphs, photos or press cuttings may be uploaded at the end of this form as part of your entry; total file size for all documents is 5MB. Please note, we can only accept image files as part of your entry (jpg, pdf or png).

Please enter the entrant's name and company name as you would like to see it appear on a certificate/award, should you become a winner.

This form contains 9 questions. Please ensure that you answer all questions. Any entries not adhering to the rules at the end of the entry form will be eliminated at the next round.

Contact Name	Name of Entrant
Company Name	
Company Address	
Email Address	
Website Address	
Telephone Number	Twitter Account
Business Sector	Main Product/Service
Nature of Business	Number of full-time employees
Legal Status of Company	
Year that the business started trading	
Which Accredited Chamber are you a member of?	

Please tick the box if you are **not a member** of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce

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Must be completed*	Financials 2024	Financials 2025	Projection 2026/27
Turnover*			
Profit*			
Reserves*			

**1. Please provide a brief description of your business, the products or services you supply, your customers and the markets that you operate in.**

You should cover:

- The nature of your business
- Your products and services
- Your customers
- Markets that you operate in

Details (maximum 200 words)

**2. Summarise the trends in your sales turnover and profit development in the last 2 years, highlighting the key events that influenced these trends.**

You should cover:

- How your sales turnover has developed
- How your profit has developed
- The key events that have led to any changes and have provided an explanation for the changes

Details (maximum 400 words)

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**3. What key objectives have you set for your business for the next 3 years?  
How will these objectives be achieved and what level of investment is required?**

You should cover:

- Your key objectives
- Strategies and plans for how these objectives will be achieved
- The level of investment required

Details (maximum 400 words)

**4. What does corporate social value mean to your organisation?**

You should cover:

- What corporate social value means for your organisation
- Why CSR/CSV is important to your business model, culture and long-term strategy
- How leadership and governance support and reinforce your CSR/CSV commitments

Details (maximum 200 words)

**5. What social, environmental, or community initiative have you implemented?**

You should cover:

- The initiative you have in place
- Why these initiatives were selected and how they align with your organisation's purpose.
- How these initiatives have been successful
- The impact these initiatives have had on communities, the environment, stakeholders or your workforce
- How these initiatives influence or integrate with your operations, supply chain or resource allocation

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**6. How do you measure the positive impact of these initiatives?**

You should cover:

- The tools, methods or indicators you use to measure impact
- The data you collect and how you analyse it
- How the findings inform future decision-making, investment or programme development
- How you ensure transparency and consistency in reporting

Details (maximum 300 words)

**7. How have your corporate social value initiatives strengthened pathways from education into your industry?**

You should cover:

- How you collaborate with education partners - such as schools, FE colleges, training providers, universities, and community education organisations - to identify, prepare and support new entrants
- The opportunities you offer (e.g., levels, occupational areas) and why they are relevant to your sector and how you ensure high-quality learning and progression
- Engagement in activities that raise awareness of your industry among learners (e.g., careers talks, industry projects, workplace visits, T Level placements, guest lectures)
- How you track, analyse and report outcomes, and how the findings inform future engagement
- How your apprenticeship and education-provider collaborations contribute to wider workforce development, diversity, and long-term sector resilience

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**8. How do you communicate your social value commitments to your stakeholders?**

You should cover:

- How you communicate your social value commitments
- Which stakeholder groups you engage with
- How you ensure transparency in reporting progress and achievements
- Why stakeholder alignment is important
- How you gather and respond to stakeholder feedback

Details (maximum 300 words).

**9. How does your corporate social value activity enhance your organisation's overall performance?**

You should cover:

- How CSV supports staff retention, wellbeing, or recruitment
- Operational efficiencies or cost savings generated
- Reputational or commercial benefits (new partnerships, contracts, or customer trust)
- How CSV contributes to long-term resilience and innovation

Details (maximum 300 words).



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### Entry Rules

1. Entries are treated in confidence.
2. All entries must be completed online via 'Judgify' - [judgify.me/chamberawards2026](https://judgify.me/chamberawards2026)
3. Entries should be in English and must be checked for spelling and grammar.
4. You may upload up to 5 supporting documents at the end of your entry (eg: tables, graphs or photos). The maximum permitted file size is 5MB in total. Please note, we can only accept image files as part of your entry (jpg, pdf or png). Website links used within your entry will not be activated by the judges. Supplementary information may be requested at judging level.
5. Please note the maximum word count for questions relating to your category. This word count limit does NOT include the questions. If your entry exceeds the word count specified it will be disqualified by the judges.
6. Entrants may be asked for staff or customer testimonials.
7. Entries will be judged by an independent and impartial panel of judges.
8. Finalists will be notified on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Award winners will be announced at the Awards Gala Dinner being held at Westenhanger Castle, Stone Street, Westenhanger, Hythe, CT21 4HX on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2026.
9. Entry to more than one category is allowed.
10. Applicants must be authorised to enter their organisation into the awards programme.
11. Incomplete entries will not be judged.
12. All entries will be acknowledged on receipt. Entry forms will become the property of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce and entries will not be returned.
13. The Chamber reserves the right to withdraw an award from any applicant supplying false information within their entry. Judges reserve the right to audit any information supplied.
14. The closing date for entries is at **23:59pm (GMT) on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026**.
15. These Awards are open to Members and Non-Members of the Chamber apart from Sponsors and those involved with judging.

***By registering and completing an entry for the Awards you agree to these terms and conditions***

***Please tick the box to confirm you have read and agreed to the above rules of entry***