



2019 saw BESST host its 5th annual Awards event and we were delighted to welcome William Stratton-Morris, CEO of Caffe Nero UK as our keynote speaker. William spoke about the journey of the coffee bean from farm to barista and also how he himself had trained as a barista to understand what was asked of the employees—a very special trait in the CEO of a national chain. Caffe Nero engage a great deal with communities and also run a great scheme allowing customers to nominate staff for Nero Stars for going the extra mile.

This year we decided to open the entries out to non-BESST members and we received the highest number of award entries since we began the awards. Judging took place at the end of October and the quality of the entries made this quite a difficult process and we took the decision to award some as Winners and some as Highly Commended. We look forward to seeing the Highly Commended ones back in future years as Winners.

Highly Commended:

- *Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust : Waste Management*
- *Denso Manufacturing: Waste Management*
- *ResourceBank: Employee Engagement*
- *Sustainable Newport: Community Engagement*

Winners

- *Staysafe PPE: Greening Your Supply Chain*
- *Alison's Bee Class: Product Innovation*
- *The Shrewsbury Cup: Innovation*
- *The Furnace Kitchen: Sustainable Leadership*



L-R: Martin Yeomans & Richard Fallon (Staysafe PPE), Andy Whyte (BESST Chair), Martin Booth (Denso), Alex Ford (SaT NHS Trust), Marcus Bean (The Furnace), Alison Wakeman (Alison's Bee Class), Mica Daly-Smith & Angela Hayden (ResourceBank), Alison Thomas (Shrewsbury Cup), Susanne Bearblock & Simone Whitfield (Sustainable Newport)

The BESST Awards showcase how businesses are working to increase their environmental performance and reduce costs, waste and the use of new materials where they can. This year's entries were great examples of how businesses of any size can address their issues and become innovative with ideas. We are delighted to have these businesses as ambassadors for both BESST and the environment !

The BESST 2020 awards will be launched early in the New Year—if you would like any further details please email us at telford-besst@outlook.com