

National Fenestration Awards – 2020 Winners



The second week of December 2020 saw the virtual National Fenestration Awards – and what an event it was with all the big names from the supplier side of the industry competing for gongs.

A Whopping 3 for VBH

Hardware firm VBH was short-listed in four categories – and won three of them. For the second year running, VBH was crowned Hardware Company of

the Year. VBH also recorded wins in the Social Networker and Young Person categories, through Marketing Manager Gary Gleeson and Northern England Area Sales Manager Tyler Shutts respectively. Customer Service Team Leader in VBH's Gillingham head office, Louise Eagle, finished as runner up to Tyler. Gary Gleeson says "I am, of course, thrilled to have won this individual award. However, we see all these wins as a reflection of how

hard the whole VBH team works to make our customers' working days easy, as well as recognition of the excellent products and services on offer."

vbhgb.com

Picture: For the second year running, VBH was crowned Hardware Company of the Year at the National Fenestration Awards – whilst also winning in two other categories.

Accidents Will Happen

A free interactive Collision Map has been launched showing road safety data across Britain.

As well as plotting all collisions dating back to the beginning of 2011, the map allows users to examine the data by region, council area and post-code and to compare figures for 2018 with 2019.

The data reveals some interesting headline stories:

- There has been an overall reduction in the number of both collisions and casualties in 2019 across mainland Britain – by 4.3% and 4.8%.
- Scotland has seen the largest reduction in collisions in 2019 – down by an impressive 12.4%.

• London has a high number of collisions and casualties but the lowest number of people dying.

• The total number of collisions resulting in a person being killed or seriously injured increased in 2019 by nearly 1% – to 25,080. [f](#)

CollisionMap.uk

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Hat-trick for Morley

Morley Glass & Glazing also got three first place finishes at the NFAs. The integral blinds manufacturer came out on top in Integral Blinds Company and Best Use of Video and shared IGU Manufacturer jointly with Clayton Glass. It is the business' fourth consecutive year taking home the IGU Manufacturer prize and third time as winner of the Integral Blinds Company category. The business was also one of three companies named a Covid Hero by the awards, as acknowledgement of its investment in virtual showrooms for installers during and after the national lockdown.

morleyglass.co.uk

Thermoseal seals it

Thermoseal Group, the manufacturer of warm edge spacer systems and distributor of over 2,500 insulated glass components, was named Spacer Bar Manufacturer of the Year. Head of Marketing and Communications, Samantha Hill, said: "Thermoseal Group won the award with the highest percentage of the open-platform votes. We have added this to our large collection of awards over recent years."

thermosealgroup.com

Eurocell Win Two

Eurocell, the PVC-U building products firm won with first place in the Recycling Company category and also first place for Trade Counter of the year. Eurocell was also awarded second place, in the Conservatory Roof Fabricator/Manufacturer category.

eurocell.co.uk

Vickies

Victorian Sliders took the Vertical Sliding Window Company category for the second year running. "We're absolutely delighted to be named winners for the second year," said Group MD Andy Jones.

victoriansliders.co.uk

Systems Company

Kömmerling won Systems Company of the Year for the second successive time and was also runner up in the PVC Company category. Kömmerling parent company of Profine UK often win awards for marketing – 2021 will see the company attempting to excel as it supports customers through a new decade.

kommerling.co.uk

Positive end

Stellar Aluminium Systems got the New Product gong. Clare O'Hara, MD at Epwin Window Systems, said: "It is good to end 2020 with something positive."

stellarialuminium.co.uk

Enduring

Having got third last year, Endurance Doors took the crown as the overall winner in the Composite Door Manufacturer of the year category. Endurance Doors has invested considerably across the business and today is one of the most trusted and respected brands in the sector.

endurancedoors.co.uk

Colour conquests

Deceuninck nearly conquered all the opposition to take the Colour Specialist at the NFAs but had to accept joint first place with Kolorseal. "To win Colour Specialist 2020 is a fantastic end to the year", said MD Rob McGlennon in December 2020: "Particularly because the industry chooses the NFA winners. Last month our sales were 62% colour."

deceuninck.co.uk

Unprecedented fourth

Business Micros took Digital Specialist of the year for a fourth time in a row. At the end of a year when online connectivity was more important than ever, the company's customers and colleagues showed just how much they appreciated the work done by voting for BM in the online poll.

bm-touch.co.uk/installer

fenestrationawards.co.uk 

Vaccine To Boost Building

Homes England is hoping the Covid-19 vaccine will reverse the slump in new build homes.

The government house builder has reported a year-on-year drop of 56 per cent in the volume of homes started for market sale in the first half of this year. The government's housing accelerator reported

just 2,416 houses were started from April to the end of September compared with 5,052 in the previous year.

Nick Walkley, CEO said: "Homes England has been working closely with delivery partners and colleagues in government to support the sector to build back its capacity. The confirmation of £12 bil-

lion of funding through the affordable homes programme should give confidence to the sector to support delivery over the next five years."

Homes England said positive economic data such as November's purchaser managers index and the development of more effective vaccines would aid further recovery. 