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Congratulations to all winners at the **Clare Business Excellence Awards**

Torpey scoops top prize at Clare Business Excellence Awards 2026

ENNIS Chamber hosted a full house at The Rine Hotel on Thursday, November 19, for the 16th running of Clare Business Excellence Awards.

The 2026 Gala Ceremony, delivered by Ennis Chamber in partnership with lead sponsor Clare County Council, proved yet again that this is the premier business event in County Clare. Belvoir-based TORPEY were big winners. They won the 'Innovation in Business' category, and later went on to scoop the title 'Clare Business of the Year'.

First time winners included Burren Beef & Farm Experience who won for 'Best Green & Sustainable Practices', Berka Solutions won Best Micro Business (up to 10 people), Honan Financial Services won Best Professional Service, while Dodi (Lahinch) won best Café and Gate 96 (Ennis) won Best Restaurant.

MC for the Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony was comedian and author Colm O'Regan, who brought professionalism and plenty of laughs to the room.



● Seán Torpey along with the team from TORPEY accepting the award of Clare Business of the Year 2026 from Cathaoirleach Joe Killeen and Clare County Council CEO Gordon Daly

Photo by Mike Mulcaire

Ennis Chamber President Frank Holly , owner of Holly's Vital Pharmacy on Abbey Street in Ennis, said, "Clare Business Excellence Awards 2026 was a joyful night of celebration and entertainment.

"I'd like to congratulate the winners and all the finalists. The quality of businesses represented in the room was exceptional, from micro to multi-nationals. It was a proud testament to the calibre of businesses operating across County Clare."

He added, "Clare Business Excellence Awards has deservedly gained a reputation as the premier annual event in the business calendar of County Clare, and it lived up to that billing again this year.

"I would like to congratulate the hard-working team at Ennis Chamber, led by CEO Margaret O'Brien on producing such a well-organised and fun event."

Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council, Cllr Joe Killeen said, "Clare County Council was once again delighted to partner Ennis Chamber in presenting the Clare Business Excellence Awards.

"It was a pleasure to welcome so many exceptional businesses to the awards ceremony, on what was a wonderful celebration of enterprise, ambition and achievement. The diversity and innovation of the businesses present is a positive reflection of the vibrancy of our local economy".

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Clare Business of the Year 2026
Sponsored by Clare County Council
Winner: **TORPEY**

Best Green & Sustainable Practices
Sponsored by Rengen Power
Winner: **BURREN BEEF & FARM EXPERIENCE**

Best Micro Business
Sponsored by Clare Local Enterprise Office
Winner: **BERKA SOLUTIONS**

Professional Services
Sponsored by Bank of Ireland
Winner: **HONAN FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Best Family Business
Sponsored by MHP Sellors
Winner: **CAHERCONNELL STONE FORT & SHEEPDOG DEMONSTRATIONS**

Best New Business
Sponsored by Tierney's
Winner: **BEO – THE WELL**

Best Manufacturer
Sponsored by Ei
Winner: **ELEMENT SIX**

Best SME
Sponsored by CupPrint
Winner: **ADVANCED TECHNICAL CONCEPTS (ATC)**

Best use of Digital Marketing/ Social Media
Sponsored by The Clare Echo
Winner: **PEACEFUL PAWS**

Business for Social Impact
Sponsored by Essilor Luxottica
Winner: **ST FRANCIS CREDIT UNION**

Innovation in Business
Sponsored by PTSB
Winner: **TORPEY**

Best Hospitality
Sponsored by The Shannon Airport Group
Winner: **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL GOLF LINKS & HOTEL (DOONBEG)**

Best Tourism Experience
Sponsored by TUS
Winner: **AILLWEE BURREN EXPERIENCE**

Best Place to Eat (restaurant)
Sponsored by AIB
Winner: **GATE 96 (ENNIS)**

Best Place to Eat (Café)
Sponsored by AIB
Winner: **DODI (Lahinch)**

Best Retailer
Sponsored by Clean Ireland Recycling
Winner: **COUNTY BOUTIQUE**

Customer Service Excellence
Sponsored by Xeinadin
Winner: **TFI LOCAL LINK – Limerick & Clare**

Best Voluntary Community Group
Sponsored by Vitalograph
Winner: **FASD**

WINNER CLARE BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2024



● Stuart Holly, Editor of The Clare Echo, presented the accolade of Best Use of Digital Marketing and Social Media to Aimee and Danny Keller of Peaceful Paws. The Clare Echo is proud media partner of the Clare Business Excellence Awards which was hosted last Thursday night at the Inn At Dromoland Hotel

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