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North West Newspaper Award Winners 2009 announced

The winners in the 2009 North West Newspaper Awards have been announced at a ceremony in Chester.

This year's finalists were treated to a trip round the Sellafield Ltd site at Capenhurst before a meal and ceremony at the plush St David's Park Hotel.

It proved to be a fruitful afternoon for staff from Cumbrian Newspapers, as *The Cumberland News* retained its *Weekly Newspaper of the Year* title and sister paper The North West Evening Mail, which covers the Barrow area, won the new category, Newspaper of the Year with a circulation under 20,000.

The Cumberland News also enjoyed success in the individual awards, with highly rated Carlisle United reporter *Jon Coleman* named *Sports Reporter of the Year*, and *Stuart Walker* who, like Jon, works for both *The Cumberland News* and its sister daily title the *News and Star*, claiming the *Photographer of the Year* title. *Anne Pickles*, who works with Jon and Stuart at the *News and Star*, was named *Feature Writer of the Year*.

There was reason to celebrate in Liverpool to as the *News Reporter of the Year* title went to *Ben Rossington* of the *Liverpool Echo*, whose sister paper, *The Daily Post*, provided *Young Journalist of the Year*, *David Bartlett*.

Also celebrating were the team from The Gazette, Blackpool, who beat off strong competition to be named Daily Newspaper of the Year.

The Best Newspaper Website categories went to Lancashire Evening Post (Daily) and Crains Manchester Business (Weekly).

Each individual award winner scooped a certificate and a cheque for £700, with the two runners-up in each category going home with £150 each and a certificate.

The daily and weekly newspaper and website winners each collected a trophy and a certificate and the runners-up were presented with a certificate.

Iain Irving, Sellafield Ltd's Stakeholder Relations Director, said: "The awards proved to be as popular as ever, with every category feirclly contested.

"The standard of entry proved beyond any doubt that while times may be hard in regional journalism the highest quality is still being consistently produced."

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Full list of winner and runners up:

News Reporter of the Year

Ben Rossington

Mike Keegan
Paul Keaveny

Liverpool Echo

Manchester Evening News
Bolton News

WINNER

Feature Writer of the Year

Anne Pickles

Simon Donohue
Jade Wright

Carlisle News and Star

Manchester Evening News
Liverpool Daily Post & Echo

WINNER

Sports Reporter of the Year

Jon Coleman

Tony Barrett
Andy Cryer

News & Star / Cumberland News

Liverpool Echo
Lancashire Telegraph

WINNER

Photographer of the Year

Stuart Walker

Jason Roberts
Dominic Salter

News & Star / Cumberland News

Liverpool Daily Post & Echo
Stockport Express

WINNER

Young Journalist of the Year

David Bartlett

Amanda Crook
Stefanie Hall

Liverpool Daily Post

Manchester Evening News
Lancashire Evening Post

WINNER

Daily Newspaper of the Year

The Gazette

Liverpool Echo
Manchester Evening News

WINNER

Weekly Newspaper of the Year

Cumberland News

Skelmersdale Advertiser
Crains Manchester Business

WINNER

Daily Newspaper Website of the Year

Lancashire Evening Post

Lancashire Telegraph
The Gazette

WINNER

Weekly Newspaper Website of the Year

Crains Manchester Business

Warrington Guardian
Cumberland News

WINNER

Newspaper of the Year (circ up to 20,000)

North West Evening Mail

Liverpool Daily Post
Chorley Guardian

WINNER