

## **Buckingham Trader of the Year 2017**

The people of Buckingham once again chose their favourite local trader. More than 1,000 votes were cast as local people took part in the poll organised by the Buckingham Society, and voted for their favourite Buckingham trader, place to eat and market trader. As with the previous year, people said how very difficult it was to choose from the array of excellent good shops, cafés and service providers that we have in our town.

In a very close result, the award for the Trader of the Year went to “Leeders Hardware” with “Pasha” running them a very close second.

The winner of the award for Buckingham’s Favourite Place to Eat was “The Meadow Row Tea Room” and the Market Trader of the Year award went to Ian Winman of the “Isla Jane Bakery”.

Awards were presented by the Mayor of Buckingham, Councillor Jon Harvey, at the ceremony to switch on Buckingham’s Christmas lights. Jon congratulated the Society on once again organising the awards and stressed how proud it should make us all feel to know that Buckingham is blessed by so many excellent traders.

This award is not run on social media. Nominations are collected by talking to people in the town at weekends throughout October. That way, the only people who can vote are those who actually use the town’s traders and cafés.

The Buckingham Society is very grateful for the support of the Destination Buckingham Group and members of the Buckingham Traders Association.