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YOUR VOTE MATTERS! FOUR LOCAL SE19 BUSINESSES HAVE REACHED CROYDON FINAL

In Crystal Palace, we are delighted that 4 local businesses and organizations have reached the final of the annual 'Croydon Business Excellence Awards' in four different categories. Voting is now open to select winners for each category. Winners will be announced in September.

Businesses have been selected for Contribution to The Community (Shop SE19), Business Resilience (Craft & Courage), Best New Business (Haven Wellness) and best social enterprise (ClearCommunityWeb) alongside other businesses based in London Borough of Croydon.

"It's wonderful for our little town and all four businesses to receive this recognition" says Kate McGhee, Director and Co-founder of Shop SE19, a local business association which helps to support independent high street businesses in the area and boost the high street. "Crystal Palace is a very special place in London, where independent businesses, who have been through so much, truly make our community. We thank everyone who nominated our quartet of finalists. We are really proud of everyone making the final."

"As a local employer & community organization, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to be on the same page as established businesses both in Crystal Palace and across Croydon. For our local area it truly is a celebration of the variety of people and businesses working here and working together" Caspar Kennerdale, Managing Director ClearCommunityWeb

Our local Crystal Palace finalists

[Shop SE19](#) was founded in 2019 to formalize the links between local independent businesses in Crystal Palace. ShopSE19 has grown to offer much-needed peer support to local independent businesses, help them weather the storm during the height of the pandemic and to promote and increase the profile of our local high streets.

Vote for ShopSE19 here

<https://croydonawards.co.uk/categories/vote-contribution-to-the-community/>

[ClearCommunityWeb](#) is a social enterprise/CIC which supports those who are 'digitally excluded' with access to training and reconditioned equipment. They work across Croydon, Bromley, Lambeth and Southwark

Vote for ClearCommunityWeb here

<https://croydonawards.co.uk/categories/vote-best-charity-or-social-enterprise/>

[Craft & Courage](#) has just celebrated its 5-year anniversary in Crystal Palace and like many hospitality businesses soldiered on during the many different phases of lockdown. Craft & Courage did this by partnering with local food businesses and launching new products. Their latest venture is an in-house gin distillery producing Antenna Gin with their own botanical family recipe.

Vote for Craft & Courage here

<https://croydonawards.co.uk/categories/vote-business-resilience-award/>

[Haven Wellness](#) is a shop, apothecary and suite of therapy rooms which opened at the height of lockdown in 2020 and has rapidly gained a following, offering ethically produced wellness products.

Vote for Haven Wellness here

<https://croydonawards.co.uk/categories/vote-best-new-business/>

For further information please see <https://croydonawards.co.uk/>

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NOTES TO EDITOR

The Croydon Business Excellence Awards are back in 2022, after 2 years of zoom-based award ceremonies and a temporary re-brand to Croydon Business Resilience Awards.

Croydon-based businesses have been nominated by the public, with a shortlist of finalist organisations selected by The judges at Croydon Awards.

Voting is online and open to everyone, but will close on 9th September.

Interviews are available with any of the four Crystal Palace businesses in the final.

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Photo of our Crystal Palace finalists 2022

Read our blog post

<https://www.shopse19.com/post/vote-for-crystal-palace>

