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Nominations sought for county benefactors ... with three cups up for grabs

It's time to think about who should be this year's winner of the Furniss Cup - which goes to a company or an organisation that has made a significant contribution to Gloucestershire.

Presented last year by Princess Anne to Gloucester boat builder Tommi Nielsen, the cup is awarded during the annual Gloucestershire Ambassadors' dinner.

The ambassador concept was introduced ten years ago to promote the county in the UK and abroad, to encourage continued investment by retaining the support of those people with influence in economic development.

Last year saw the introduction of a second prize, the Willans Bowl. Donated by solicitors Willans, this award recognises the achievements of an individual and was presented to the former University of Gloucestershire vice-chancellor Dame Janet Trotter.

And this year a third cup is up for grabs donated by the Stroud bookkeeping company BookCheck. The BookCheck Cup will be presented to a small business – with fewer than 20 employees – which has helped the county economy prosper.

“To win the Furniss Cup, companies or organisations need to show the judges how they have contributed to the county's well-being over a period of time,” reports John Courts of Gloucestershire First.

“Similarly, the Willans Bowl will be awarded to an individual whose work has made a difference in some way – possibly by working for a charity, creating employment for others, maybe behind the scenes in a voluntary capacity.

“We are delighted to have trophies that recognise all types and size of business and the huge contribution that individuals can make to Gloucestershire and all three will be presented at the annual dinner in November.”

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