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Nominations sought for county champions ... now four cups up for grabs

A fourth company is donating a cup at this year's Ambassadors' dinner in November. The Chargrove Trophy will be presented by Chargrove Business Services and will go to a winning company with up to five employees.

It is the second new award being made this year. The first will be presented by Stroud bookkeeping company BookCheck to recognise the economic contribution of companies employing between six and 49 people.

They join the Furniss Cup – for companies with over 50 employees – and the Willans Bowl, which honours the contribution of an individual. Now is the time to think about who should win.

Last year the Furniss Cup was presented by Princess Anne to Gloucester boat builder Tommi Nielsen. The Willans Bowl, presented by solicitors Willans, went to former University of Gloucestershire vice-chancellor Dame Janet Trotter.

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

Winners in all categories must show how they have helped the county economy prosper and the closing date for entries is September 30.

“To win, they must convince the judges they have contributed to the county's economic well-being over a period of time,” reports John Courts of Gloucestershire First.

“The Furniss Cup is for companies with over 50 employees with the Willans Bowl awarded to an individual whose work has made a difference in some way – possibly by working for a charity, creating employment for others or in a voluntary capacity that benefits the economy.”

Mr Courts said he was delighted to now have trophies that recognise all types of businesses and the significant contribution that individuals can make to Gloucestershire.

“I would like to encourage as many companies and individuals as possible to enter,” said Mr Courts. “Please don't be shy - self-nomination is perfectly acceptable and the closing date is September 30.”

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