

DDLs Annual Awards Dinner 2025

Tina Attenborough, President 2024/25 hosted top table guests including the High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Judges, Magistrates and Presidents from neighbouring local law societies at the Annual Awards Dinner on 21st March 2025. Tina delivered a welcome speech detailing something of her legal career in Derby and how proud she is of her daughter, Laura Matthews, who has followed her into the profession and is now a Solicitor at Geldards and also the current President of Derby Junior Lawyers. It was great to see so many firms including young lawyers on their tables. The age range of the guests at the dinner must have been some 55 years which makes for a lively and diverse night.

Local performer, Mark Elliott and his band welcomed the guests with a mellow first set and then got the dancefloor rocking after the awards. Thank you to everyone who got up to dance and enter the enjoyable spirit of the evening.

We were pleased to welcome our award sponsors, Groundsure, Review Solicitors, X-Press Legal and 36 Family together with David Gilmore from our Silver Patron, DG Legal. Thank you all for your support.

Kavita Oberoi, from our Gold Patron, Oberoi Business Hub was keen to celebrate the achievements of the Derbyshire Law Centre by awarding Lisa Haythorne and her team the inaugural Patrons Award.

The President's charity this year is SV2 and we are grateful to Rachel Morris, CEO of SV2, and members of our committee who gathered a wonderful array of raffle and silent auction prizes. Thank you to all the local businesses on the list below who donated prizes so generously. Thanks to the efforts of Rachel, Amelia Sutcliffe, John Ellis, Andy Oldroyd and Justine Dexter who sold raffle tickets on the

night and of course to everyone who bought the tickets and placed the bids. A fabulous £3000 was raised.

The Awards Dinner continues to go from strength to strength and we hope that everyone enjoyed the night. One of our renowned barrister guests from St Mary's Chambers commented that "the organisation of the dinner, speeches and awards was very impressive, and it all had a proper Derby feel about it." Which I believe was meant as a compliment!! On which please note your diaries for Friday 20th March 2026 for next year's event.

With thanks for Raffle prizes

Afternoon tea voucher	Morley Hayes
£250 photography Voucher x 2	Phillip Anthony Photography
The Uncommon Thread Gin	Darley Abbey Distillery
Hot August Night Concert Tickets (4 pairs)	Don Amott
Toiletries and skincare baskets x 3	Boots
Toiletries and skincare bags x 4	Boots
Meal Voucher at Devonshire Belper	Martin Roper
12 Bottles of Wine	Darley Abbey Wines
Fun & Food Festival Tickets (5 pairs)	Don Amott
3 night caravan stay at Lakeside	Don Amott
Tickets to Derbyshire Cricket Home Match (2 pairs)	Ryan Duckett DCC
£50 Miller & Carter Voucher	Ashgates IT
£25 Nandos Voucher	Ashgates IT
Champagne	Ashgates IT
Afternoon tea voucher at Morley Hayes	<u>Wathalls</u>
Tickets to Oasis Tribute Concert	Ryan Duckett DCC

And the Following Silent Auction Lots

Signed Derbyshire County Cricket Bat (2024 squad)	Ryan Duckett DCC
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Buffet Lunch for 8 delivered to a Derby address	The Butler's Pantry Derby
Signed Derby County Football	DCFC
£250 voucher for service/ repair/ MOT	German Automotive Ascot Drive Derby