

DDLs Annual Awards Dinner 2026

Lucy Tissington, President 2025/26 hosted top table guests including representatives from the offices of the High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant, Judges, Magistrates and Presidents from neighbouring local law societies at the Annual Awards Dinner on 20th March 2026. Lucy delivered a welcome speech detailing something of her legal career in Derby and her experiences and enjoyment of her year as President.

We were entertained throughout the evening by David Fox and his magic tricks. I am still trying to work out how he got my playing card into a lemon!! After the awards the 360 photo booth and the fun gaming tables were very popular and added a new dimension to the evening. Our usual DJ, Dom, was once again encouraging guests onto the dance floor. 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, Family Law Group, Groundsure, Insight Consultancy, DNA Legal, Skill Base First Aid, X-Press Legal and 36 Family together with Jess Green from next year's Gold Patron, Martello. Thank you all for your support.

The President's charity this year is Positive Social and we are grateful to Mark Saxby, of the charity for telling us about the vital work the charity does in educating children, parents and teachers about social media. We are grateful to all the local businesses below who generously donated raffle prizes. Thanks to the efforts of Catriona Smedley and Rebecca Mahoney who sold raffle tickets on the night and of course to everyone who bought the tickets. A fabulous £1900 was raised.

The Awards Dinner continues to go from strength to strength and we hope that everyone enjoyed the night. On which please note your diaries for Friday 9th April 2027 for next year's event.

With thanks for Raffle prizes

Afternoon tea voucher for two	Morley Hayes
One Hour Life Coach Session	Beshlie Life Coach
Derby Uncovered Voucher £50	Derby Uncovered
Play Session Voucher 2 adults/ 2 children	Ashbourne Play Village
Will Writing Service for a couple	Derby Legal Assistance
Career Coaching Session	Conley Career Coaching
Framed Derby County Signatures	Derby County Football Club
Afternoon tea for two voucher	Peacock Lounge
£40 voucher	Omomo Korean Street Food Restaurant
Lunch for two voucher	Swarkestone Nursery
Meal voucher £30	Coopers Arms
Huub Goodie Bag (backpack/goggles)	Huub
One hour LinkedIn Coaching (£250)	Status Social
Signed Derby County Shirt	Derby County Football Club
2 x Champagne Breakfast voucher for two	<u>Morley Hayes</u>
Voucher for Seven Restaurant £50	St Mary's Chambers
Voucher	Apple Tree Teahouse Ockbrook
£50 Goodie Bag (including MOT)	Eden Tyres
The Last Chocolate Bar in the World – children's book x 3	Mark Saxby
5 x gym day passes	Derby City Council
Prosecco x 3 and Chocolates x 2	DDLS
ELEVEN hair gift set	ELEVEN hair
Two Zumba classes	Kyle Beasley
Aerial or Pole class	Emma's Pole Dancing