

Williams Brothers (Sheffield) Ltd trading as Williams Fasteners has more, Sheffield Business Awards 2006 nominations (4) than any other short-listed company.

The Learning & Skills Council Training & Development Award:



Williams Fasteners was a family owned business which has been trading since 1875, providing industrial fasteners to Sheffield, and the UK. After a management buy-out in 2005, the new owners, Tony Searles and Susan Battersby, took the decision to invest in the skills of the 78 employees to develop and encourage them for the future of the business. The company may be over 130 years old, but we are still learning!

The Pentagon Vauxhall Sales & Customer Service Award:

Williams Fasteners head office is based in Sheffield where we have a warehouse that stocks over 22,000 lines of standard industrial fasteners and allied products. From here we are able to service our local trade counter and our four satellite branches in Manchester, Norwich, Middlesbrough and South Wales. Our fully trained, experienced sales staff are friendly, reliable and able to solve problems even before they occur! They are focused on making sure that everything goes to plan from the placing of an order to the final delivery.



The Rensburg Sheppard Employee of the Year Award:



Tony Dickinson is the warehouse manager at Williams Fasteners and has been with the company for almost 30 years. His skills and knowledge gained during his career have proved to be an asset to the company and he is a valued member of the management team. His hands-on approach to managing the warehouse has been a refreshing change and he has helped with the development of our young and eager staff. He also recognises that he needs to learn and develop himself and is always prepared to listen, communicate and improve.

The Sheffield Hallam Businesswoman of the Year Award:

Susan Battersby, Managing Director of Williams Fasteners, is one half of the management buy-out team that took ownership of the company in July 2005. Since the buy-out, she has implemented a successful development programme which has resulted in improved turnover, profit and staff morale. Her enthusiasm and personal motivation is driving the company forward to be a part of Sheffield's future as well as being remembered as part of it's past.



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