

EPSOM TRADESWOMAN IS HIGHLY COMMENDED IN TOP TRADE AWARD



Multi-tradeswoman, Christina Valentine from Epsom has been recognised as being Highly Commended in a prestigious national competition to find the very best tradesperson in Britain.

The Britain’s Top Tradesperson competition which has been running for 9 years, had over 3,000 entries this year and seeks to find the very best in the trade industry. The caliber of entries has always been exceptional and this year was no exception.

The 52-year-old, who trades under the name Tradeswoman Extraordinaire, has over 30 years’ experience in the decorating trade and is passionate about every project she takes on.

The final was held at Twickenham Stadium and the judges were impressed with Christina’s dedication, wide range of skills and supportive charity work.

Christina is delighted at being Highly Commended against such a high standard of entries and she hopes it will inspire other women in the trade to enter Britain’s Top Tradesperson competition.

Caroline Welsh, Director of Brand and Marketing at Screwfix said: “We had a very high standard of entries and each of our 11 finalists were outstanding in their own way. We felt that Christina was a great ambassador for women in the trade and were impressed by her exceptional skills and strong worth ethic that deserved to be highly commended against a very strong entry”

Rob Lindley, Managing Director of Mitsubishi Motors in the UK commented: “To triumph in a competition that is so fiercely contested and involves so many talented and dedicated tradespeople is a staggering accomplishment.”

This year’s judging panel included representatives from Screwfix, trade bodies the FMB, CIPHE, NICEIC and BWF, together with Mitsubishi Motors in the UK, who helped to decide that **Carpenter Stuart Roache drove away with the title of Britain’s Top Tradesperson 2018** in a brand new Mitsubishi L200 pick-up truck worth £33,000 OTR.

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