



SHAPA Announces the winners of the 2019 Solids Handling Industry Awards

Innovation Award – Lontra

Lontra have designed and tested a new type of Low-pressure air compressor which can be used widely for bulk transport in pneumatic conveying systems - delivering materials around sites to processing, packaging or transportation points. Lontra has field-demonstrated energy savings of over 20% and superior reliability compared with conventional blowers



Export Award – Vortex Global

In 2018, Vortex expanded into markets in Finland and revised its sales strategy in the Middle East, contracting with new equipment representatives in Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar – as well as nearby Egypt with significant increases in sales



Newcomer Award – Tom Bullock

Tom Bullock has become a central figure in the Prospare business, overseeing and being involved in more than 500 individual engineering projects over 30 months. Tom also has been acting as the engineering contact for European suppliers and handling all technical discussions between the major suppliers and the business.



Company of the year – Spirotech

Spirotech York, part of the Spirotech SRD group started its operations in York, 5 years ago and has steadily grown its workforce and turnover. From starting with a single employee, they now have 10 people working out of the York office and contribute significantly to the group. In 2018 they moved into new purpose-built premises with a workshop facility and look forward to the challenges that lay ahead in the coming years.



SHAPA Arkwright Student – Georgina Edwards

Shapa presented a special award to Georgina following the completion of her time with Shapa as part of the Arkwright sponsorship scheme. During the evening Georgina gave a presentation and demonstrated some of the engineering projects she has been working on with the help of Shapa.

As she now moves on to university, we wish her well and look forward to hearing about her successes in the future.

