On a cold wintry night in November 150 people gathered to celebrate the success and achievement of Springboard apprentices across the North East.

We were joined by Sunderland AFC striker Connor Wickham, who presented the awards, signed loads of autographs and had his photograph taken with adoring fans!
The full list of awards:

WINNERS

Alan Scott South Tyneside Learner of the Year
Alex Naylor Apprentice of the Year - Horticulture
Andrew Johnson Apprentice of the Year - Sport
Andrew Webster Apprentice of the Year - Warehousing
Anthony Irving Hartlepool Learner of the Year
Callum Harrison Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Carla Dunn Apprentice of the Year - Design & Print
Craig Jefferson East Durham Learner of the Year
Danielle Atkinson Young Apprentice of the Year
Elle Hall Apprentice of the Year - Retail
Emma Hawkins Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin
Faye Fothergill Apprentice of the Year - Hospitality
Gavin Dobbs Apprentice of the Year - ILM
Gemma Rylend Apprentice of the Year - Management
Johnathon Hutchinson Apprentice of the Year - Customer Service
Mazrin Shafi Tutor/Assessor of the Year
Melanie Hunter ExcelR8 Learner of the Year
Natalie Fanning Skills for Life Learner of the Year
Natalie Pascoe Overall Staff Member of the Year
Rebecca Scott Employer Placement of the Year
Sean Mason Springboard Overall Achiever of the Year
Sophie Roberts Placement Supervisor of the Year
Sunderland Royal Hospital Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin
Susan Kitchen Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Vanda McGrory Apprentice of the Year - Horticulture

COMMENDATIONS

Fred Wood Overall Staff Member of the Year
Gabrielle Gee Skills for Life Learner of the Year
Hogan Frazier Apprentice of the Year - Warehousing
Jamie Sowerby Apprentice of the Year - Care
Keith Brown Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin
Kyle Meehan Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Laura Spors Employer Placement of the Year
Millfield Nursery School Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin
Moraima Begum Tutor/Assessor of the Year
Natalie Curtis Tutor/Assessor of the Year
Paul Finning Employer Placement of the Year
Southwick Primary School ExcelR8 Learner of the Year
Tom Maguire Tutor/Assessor of the Year

NOMINATED

Adam Brooks Tutor/Assessor of the Year
Alan Scott South Tyneside Learner of the Year
Alex Naylor Apprentice of the Year - Horticulture
Alex Naylor Apprentice of the Year - Sport
Alex Naylor Hartlepool Learner of the Year
Alice Donoghue Placement Supervisor of the Year
Andrea Whitcomb East Durham Learner of the Year
Andrew Johnson Tutor/Assessor of the Year
Andrew Warner Apprentice of the Year - Warehousing
Andy Brotherton East Durham Learner of the Year
Annemarie Graham Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Anthony Irving Hartlepool Learner of the Year
Becky Baldwin FL Learner of the Year
Ben Smith Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Beth Bengocha Placement Supervisor of the Year
Callum Harrison Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin
Carla Dunn Apprentice of the Year - Childcare
Carol Scott Apprentices of the Year
Chelseigh Smith Apprentice of the Year - Business Admin

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