

Wycombe Wanderers Foundation were crowned Community Champion at the Buckinghamshire Business Awards at Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury on Wednesday night.

The event was attended by Foundation staff and trustees as well as club chairman Dan Rice, with the charity being nominated for the Apprentice and Young Person Employer of the Year prize, finishing runner-up.

The Community Champion award, sponsored by Chandler Garvey, recognises those businesses which have a strong track record of playing a responsible part in society and giving back to it through fundraising and active support from company employees in providing opportunities for worthy causes, for which there is no direct financial benefit to the company.

Mark Gaitskell, CEO of Wycombe Wanderers Foundation, commented: "We are honoured to be named BBF Community Champion of the Year.

"Our heartfelt thanks go to our funders, sponsors, and partners whose support enables us to deliver diverse, impactful services for all ages across all backgrounds. We are truly privileged to make a positive difference in our community."

The judges were looking for a track record of support towards social, economic, educational or charitable issues, with proof of a significant impact on the cause(s) during the past 12 months.

This could be through direct activity such as providing a service or improving an existing one; philanthropic giving; fundraising for local or national charities and worthy causes; the commitment and/or volunteering of staff; and a company commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Congratulations to everyone at the Foundation for their superb achievement!