

Press release: Exporters recognised in New Year's Honours list

- Business leaders recognised in New Year's Honours for services to international trade.
- Recipients will be honoured at investiture ceremonies held at Buckingham Palace.
- Total UK exports are at record high, rising 2% to £626 billion in the year to October 2018.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP congratulates business leaders and exporters being recognised with Honours for truly exceptional and outstanding service to international trade and exporting.

Those recognised in the New Year's Honours list include:

- Stephen Edwards, Managing Director of engineering firm Flamgard – who earlier this year were presented with a Board of Trade Award (BOFTA)
- Dairy Crest's CEO Mark Allen, for services to the UK's dairy sector
- Utterberry Managing Director, Heba Bevan
- Paul Flanagan, Secretary General of UKspace Trade Association
- Entrepreneur and founder of Ella's Kitchen, Paul Lindley
- Chipside Managing Director, Paul Moorby

Also being recognised in this Honours round are:

- Harper's Bazaar US Editor-in-Chief Glenda Bailey for services to the GREAT Britain campaign
- Chair of the British Business Group in the UAE, Richard Oliver

Long-serving Department for International Trade colleague Adam Thomas is also being recognised with an MBE.

These Honours recipients have shown exceptional service to the UK economy and British prosperity, through UK export promotion across sectors from space and technology to fashion, and food and drink.

The investiture ceremonies will take place at Buckingham Palace in the new year.

International Trade Secretary Dr Liam Fox MP congratulated the recipients, saying:

I am delighted that leading business people are being recognised for their exceptional contribution and service to international trade and exporting in this New Year's Honours round. I congratulate everyone receiving an honour and thank them for their hard work in putting the UK on the global stage.

As an international economic department, we are committed to recognising the excellence of UK exporters and ensuring we continue to help businesses succeed in new, global markets.

The New Year's Honours list recognises the achievements and service of extraordinary people from across the UK and beyond.

UK exports are at a record high after rising 2% (£12 billion) to £626.4 billion in the year to October 2018.

Notes to Editors

International trade and exporting recipients in the 2019 New Year's Honours list:

- DBE: Glenda Bailey – Editor in Chief, Harper's Bazaar US. For services to the GREAT Britain campaign and UK prosperity, charity, fashion and journalism.
- CBE: Paul Flanagan – Secretary General, UKspace Trade Association. For services to the UK space sector.
- OBE: Mark Allen – Chief Executive, Dairy Crest. For services to the dairy sector.
- OBE: Heba Bevan – Managing Director, UtterBerry Ltd. For services to innovation, technology and STEM education.
- OBE: Paul Lindley – Entrepreneur and founder, Ella's Kitchen. For services to exports in the food and drink sector and for children's welfare.
- OBE: Paul Moorby – Managing Director, Chipside. For services to promoting the UK's technology sector abroad.
- OBE: Oliver Richard – Chair of the British Business Group and Abu Dhabi Treasurer of the British School Al Khubairat. For services to the British community and British business in the UAE.
- MBE: Stephen Edwards – Managing Director, Flamgard Engineering. For services to the British economy and exports.
- MBE: Adam Thomas – Senior Press Officer and spokesman, Defence and Security Organisation, Department for International Trade. For services to UK defence and industry exports.

About the Department for International Trade

The Department for International Trade (DIT) helps businesses export, drives inward and outward investment, negotiates market access and trade deals, and champions free trade.

We are an international economic department, responsible for:

- supporting and encouraging UK businesses to drive sustainable international growth
- ensuring the UK remains a leading destination for international investment and maintains its number one position for international investment stock in Europe

- opening markets, building a trade framework with new and existing partners which is free and fair
- using trade and investment to underpin the government's agenda for a Global Britain and its ambitions for prosperity, stability and security worldwide

About the Export Strategy

The [Export Strategy](#) sets out how the government will support businesses of all sizes to make the most of the opportunities presented by markets around the world.

A government-led collaboration with business, developed after extensive engagement with a range of UK firms, the Strategy sets a [new ambition from government to increase exports as a proportion of UK GDP to 35%](#).

It presents a streamlined and targeted offer for businesses of all sizes, set to raise productivity, boost wages and protect employment across the UK.

This is just the start – in the months ahead DIT will lead work across government to assess what more we can do to support UK business to achieve a step change in their exporting performance.

[Press release: Out of this world innovations forge ahead in 2018 thanks to Local Growth Fund](#)

- Multi-billion-pound Local Growth Fund backs world-leading programmes as the government builds a Britain fit for the future
- Goonhilly Space Exploration Station in Cornwall and the National Graphene Innovation Centre in Manchester among winners of grants in 2018

A cancer research laboratory in Southampton, a Centre of Excellence for degree apprenticeships in Sheffield and the roll out of superfast broadband to Cumbria are several innovative projects across the country which have received backing from the government's £9.1 billion Local Growth Fund (LGF) in 2018.

Communities across Britain are benefitting from large, pioneering programmes made possible from the LGF and are defending Britain's place as a world leader for innovation.

Managed by Local Enterprise Partnerships, LGF-backed projects, like a new aerodynamic vehicle testing hub in Northamptonshire, are not only putting

communities on the map but also creating high skilled jobs and paving the way for further investment into their areas.

The Northern Powerhouse and Midlands Engine are the greatest beneficiaries of LGF grants with £3.4 billion being invested across the North and £1.9 billion supporting a wide range of projects in the Midlands, respectively.

Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth, Jake Berry MP, said:

When we say we are building a country that works for everyone, we mean it. Over the course of this year I have been privileged to visit many of the projects supported by the Local Growth Fund.

I've seen first-hand how our modern Industrial Strategy is making a difference to local communities, businesses and people's daily lives.

From supporting world-leading manufacturing in the Northern Powerhouse and training engineers of the future in the Midlands Engine to investing in future space missions and pioneering cancer research in the South of England, the Local Growth Fund shows the government's commitment to boost economic growth and build an economy which is fit for the future.

Some of the most pioneering projects the LGF has supported this year include:

Goonhilly Earth Station for deep space missions

In February, [Goonhilly Earth Station](#) in Cornwall received a £8.5 million LGF investment to help create the world's first commercial deep-space communications station. It will be capable of tracking future missions to the Moon and Mars. Once the upgrade work is complete, Goonhilly will have the ability to track and control forthcoming robotic and human missions to the Moon and Mars – making a significant technical and economic contribution to European efforts in global space exploration.

The Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre, Manchester

Manchester University's [Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre \(GEIC\)](#) has received £5 million from the LGF to support the opening of their new centre for exploiting the potential of graphene advanced materials. The world-class multi-million-pound centre will help to accelerate the commercial impact of graphene, which is the strongest material ever created.

Liverpool City Centre Connectivity Scheme

A £38.4 million LGF investment is supporting the Liverpool City Centre Connectivity Scheme, which aims to reduce congestion and create a new gateway to Liverpool's historic Lime Street. This is part of a wider £45 million programme to improve connectivity around Liverpool City Centre – by foot, bike, car, coach and bus.

Boeing, Sheffield

A total of £4 million from the LGF scheme supported the new [Boeing Fabrication Factory](#) in Sheffield, which opened in October. The new facility, spanning just over 6,000 square meters, makes components for the 737 and 767 passenger jets from raw materials sourced in the UK. It employs 52 people including 25 high-valued apprentices. The number of jobs and apprenticeships is set to grow over the coming year.

National Centre of Excellence for Degree Apprenticeships

Approximately £500,000 from the LGF supported the opening of Sheffield Hallam University's brand new [National Centre of Excellence for Degree Apprenticeships](#). It is providing a bespoke teaching space and IT equipment for hundreds of learners seeking degree apprenticeships.

Connecting Cumbria project

The LGF contributed £3.6 million to extend the availability of superfast broadband across Cumbria through the [Connecting Cumbria project](#). It will extend broadband coverage to approximately 95%, and encourage more rapid business growth and more job opportunities in rural areas.

Kenilworth Railway Station project

In April, [Kenilworth train station](#) was re-opened after 50 years thanks to a combination of £3.49 million from the LGF, funding from Warwickshire County Council and the Department for Transport's New Stations Fund. This is part of a major rail investment scheme to boost economic regeneration between Nuneaton and Leamington Spa and support sustainable travel, including more reliable signalling between Coventry and Nuneaton, and new stations at Bermuda Park and Coventry Arena.

Northampton College Advanced Engineering Centre

An investment of £2.25 million from the LGF has supported the construction of an [Advanced Construction Engineering Centre](#) in Northampton which is due to be completed in the summer of 2019. The state-of-the-art facility will support learners to develop the skills needed for the most up-to-date construction and engineering technologies.

Catesby Aerodynamic Research Facility

A £4.2 million LGF investment helped build an [aerodynamic testing facility](#) in a disused Victorian railway tunnel in Northamptonshire. The project to convert the 1.7 mile long tunnel into an indoor, fully controllable vehicle testing facility to include wind and simulated weather impact, aerodynamics and emissions enhancing the capability of the UK vehicle industry and leading to the creation of a 4.5 acre science park with offices, workshops and a research facility as well as creating new jobs.

Centre for Cancer Immunology

A Local Growth Fund investment of £4.5 million supported the opening a world-leading [centre for Cancer Immunology](#) at University Hospital Southampton. The development of the UK's first dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology will place the Solent firmly on the map as a global centre of excellence for the development and delivery of new therapies to cure cancer.

The government has committed £9.1 billion of the Local Growth Fund to Local Enterprise Partnerships through 3 rounds of competitive Growth Deals.

This investment consists of £3.4 billion for the Northern Powerhouse, £1.9 billion for the Midlands, £700 million for the East of England, £2.1 billion for London and the South East, and £970 million for the South West.

The rest of the £12 billion Local Growth Fund is allocated separately from Growth Deals, with the most significant other streams consisting of the £2 billion Home Building Fund and £475 million Local Transport Majors.

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Innovative projects across the country have received backing from the government's £9.1 billion Local Growth Fund.

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Exporters and business people recognised in the New Year's Honours list.

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The New Year Honours list recognises the achievements of a wide range of extraordinary people across the United Kingdom.