



Go North East team members earlier in the pandemic with their £10k cheque for various charities and local causes

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Go North East recognised as UK Business Hero

Go North East has been recognised as a 'UK Business Hero' following a campaign from the British Chambers of Commerce.

The region's largest bus company was recognised due to the incredible work it has been doing in the most challenging of years, and each business has been commended with a UK Business Heroes stamp which demonstrates how much they have supported the local community during the pandemic.

As part of the recognition, Go North East received a letter of support from

HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO, praising the company's efforts for going the extra mile during the coronavirus pandemic.

During the first lockdown, Go North East played a key role in ensuring that key workers and those making essential journeys could do so safely and with confidence, and their commitment to clean, safe and comfy travel has continued throughout.

At the height of the pandemic, the company's workforce also united to raise well over £10,000 for various charities and local causes, including the NHS, Great North Air Ambulance, Treetop's children's ward at University Hospital of North Durham, and local foodbanks.

James Ramsbotham, chief executive, North East England Chamber of Commerce, said: "We are delighted that Go North East has been nominated for a Business Hero award.

"It is fantastic recognition for the tremendous work this company does to ensure our region is connected and everyone can travel for work or pleasure in a reliable and cost-effective way.

"The recent announcement about its electric buses is further proof of its innovative approach to travel. Well done and many congratulations to the whole team."

Martijn Gilbert, managing director at Go North East, added: "It gives me great pride to hear that we have been recognised as a UK Business Hero.

"Our team have worked tirelessly to ensure we keep the people of the North East moving. They've also gone above and beyond in not only working with the additional safety and cleanliness arrangements that we've put in place during the pandemic, but also supporting the communities that we serve with a phenomenal fundraising effort.

"I have been blown away by their energy, positivity and generosity throughout these challenging times. Everyone working as part of our company, and the services we provide, should be immensely proud of this award."



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It has given me great pride to hear how businesses have gone the extra mile to help during the Coronavirus pandemic. For this reason, I am delighted to support the British Chambers of Commerce UK Business Heroes campaign that recognises the incredible work businesses have carried out across the UK, in the most challenging of years.

It has been a particular pleasure to hear stories of how you have supported your local communities throughout the outbreak and to see you nominated as UK Business Heroes by your local Chamber of Commerce.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your positive contributions, congratulate you on your recognition as a UK Business Hero and wish you every success in your endeavours in the weeks and months ahead as we look to the recovery of our country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Sophie', followed by a period.

HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO

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