



Photo caption: Ben Fogle, John Halman, Lesley Dunn Key Accounts Manager from Zoopla

**Gascoigne Halman awarded two gongs at
The Estate Agency of the Year Awards 2011**

Gascoigne Halman has collected two silver awards at The Estate Agency of the Year Awards in association with The Sunday Times and The Times and sponsored by Zoopla.co.uk.

The estate agent, which has 18 offices across Cheshire, south Manchester and High Peak, picked up the awards for best 'Medium Sized Agency' and 'Prestige Property' at a glittering ceremony in London last month attended by over 500 estate agents and conveyancing lawyers.

The prestigious awards, which recognise best practice in the industry, were presented by TV celebrity and adventurer, Ben Fogle.



The awards ceremony was the culminating event of a rigorous and thorough judging process carried out over a four month period by a panel of industry experts who assessed initial entry submissions before conducting an extensive review of the entrants which included hundreds of telephone interviews and mystery shopping exercises. The whole judging process was overseen by The Property Ombudsman; Christopher Hamer.

For the past nine years, the awards have become increasingly competitive with the standard of entries rising ever higher. These awards are firmly established as the most sought-after and difficult to win in estate agency. Over 5,000 offices were represented this year, but only the very best of the best were crowned as winners.

Commenting on the double win, John Halman of Gascoigne Halman said, "We are absolutely delighted to have our work recognised by these prestigious awards.

"In making these awards I believe the judges are recognising our excellent working methods, customer service and team work. Winning in two categories is a superb endorsement of everything that we do and a huge motivator to everyone within our businesses who has worked immensely hard to create the estate agency we are today."

A website listing all the winning companies with comments from the judges as to why they won can be found at www.estateagencyoftheyear.com

Peter Knight, Chairman of the event organisers Estate Agency Events commented "At a time when the property market throughout much of the UK continues to struggle, choosing the right estate agent has never been more pertinent. The winners of these awards represent the top 10% of an industry where standards are hugely variable. Consumers should have confidence that a firm displaying a winner's medal from these awards are a cut above the rest."