

SBRT Press Release

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Local businessman picks up prize, courtesy of SBRT

A delighted local business owner, Brian Haslam of B.H. Autos in Cemetery Road, Southport, has won a 42" plasma TV set for completing a survey for the Small Business Research Trust (SBRT). The aim of the SBRT Quarterly Survey, sponsored by the HSBC, is to provide the views of small business owners on issues affecting their business to politicians, national and local government and other institutions. The SBRT survey is an important element in making national decision-makers aware of the barriers to growth of small businesses, and in offering recommendations for improvement that will benefit the UK economy as a whole.

Jim Redman, National Director of the SBRT said: "Brian is a creditable example of a business owner prepared to take time from his very busy schedule to spend a few minutes completing our short survey, and so giving us the evidence we need to present the SBRT/HSBC Quarterly Report on small business concerns. The more business owners, like Brian, who do this, the more effect we have on those in Westminster, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Brussels who make the decisions that affect us all."

Brian Haslam said: "Whilst the TV is a very welcome and unexpected benefit to me from the SBRT, my real reason for completing the SBRT survey is that I am very concerned that the views of small business owners like myself are too often overlooked. I am happy to do anything I can to make sure we are heard, and the SBRT survey is a simple and easy way of achieving this."

Notes to Editors

Images of the prize handover are available on request.

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