

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF THE YEAR

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Robert Burnell

Special recognition in the category of Outstanding Contribution to the Composites Industry has been awarded to PRF Composite Material's Robert Burnell.

For over 40 years, Robert has been a leading advocate for the UK Composites Industry.

Since forming PRF in 1982, Robert has been at the forefront of innovation and product development. Innovation is something Robert is particularly passionate about and is still – in his 40th year of business - introducing new products to the market, including a unique product that is currently patent-pending launched this year. He is a dedicated entrepreneur who is focussed on supporting his employees, for example through the pandemic, PRF maintained manufacture and retained all staff without furlough.

Robert's guidance was instrumental in supporting PRF's customers through lockdowns and keeping staff safe; PRF saw no Covid-19 cases until post-vaccinations in 2021.

PRF's motto is 'Doing things differently' because that is what Robert does; he looks at customer needs and how he can support them through quality, product development and technical advances, always striving for continuous improvement. Under his leadership, PRF has developed and grown from a pioneering rapid-response material supplier to a leading manufacturer exporting globally, and remains an independently-run family business. Above all, Robert is exemplary in his integrity; he has built 40-year-long relationships throughout the industry, with suppliers and customers, which remain to this day.



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