

PROF. ALAN BANKS YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**WINNER: Guy Lawrence**

Guy Lawrence joined Composite Braiding Ltd (CBL) in 2024 as Lead Development Engineer within Alastair Barnett's team and has quickly established himself as a key member of the business. His responsibilities include working directly with customers to understand their requirements, advising where CBL can add value, translating these needs into braiding technology solutions, quoting, designing components and tooling, and working with production to ensure successful delivery to cost, time, and quality standards. Alongside this, Guy has re-engineered a number of internal processes, using his coding expertise to automate and simplify workflows.

Guy brings a strong academic foundation, holding a PhD in composite materials from the University of Nottingham. He is already co-author on a paper presented at ICCM24 and is preparing further publications. Since joining CBL, he has broadened his skills with training in commercial and marketing awareness, CAD systems, and in June 2025 achieved IMechE Chartership.

Beyond his technical role, Guy has made significant contributions to the wider industry. Inspired by the need to attract young talent into composites, he founded and now chairs the Composites UK Early Careers Group, sits on the CUK Board, and contributes to workforce development initiatives. He also supports final-year engineering projects at Nottingham and Coventry universities, ensuring strong links between academia and industry.

Notable achievements include his major role in the Clean Futures programme, delivering CBL's company pitch, optimising internal systems, contributing to ISO 9001 accreditation, and founding the Early Careers initiative.

Guy has exceeded expectations for a young engineer, combining technical capability, leadership, and vision. His professionalism, collaborative nature, and passion for engineering set him apart, making him a highly deserving candidate for the Young Engineer of the Year Award.

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