

Harriet Kelsall wins national award

Harriet Kelsall, founder and managing director of bespoke jewellery design company Harriet Kelsall Jewellery has been named Woman of the Year 2011 at the Specsavers Everywoman in Retail Awards. It was the top prize of the glittering ceremony which was held at London's Savoy hotel last month. Harriet had been shortlisted in the Entrepreneur of the Year category but went on to triumph over all of the other nominees to clinch the award.

The judges said that "Harriet's vision, innovative approach and success makes her an outstanding role model who will inspire more women to choose a career in retail. The Woman of the Year Award recognises the woman who is a truly inspirational and visionary individual and Harriet Kelsall is an exceptional role model for the industry".

Kelsall started the business in 1998 from her spare bedroom and in just over 10 years she now employs nearly 30 staff with an annual turnover of £1.5 million. Harriet said: "I am absolutely amazed and thrilled to receive this award, it is a huge honour and to be recognised by the retail industry for our efforts and successes is very rewarding. I see this as an award for the whole team rather than being just about me. They are so brilliant and we all passionately drive the business forward together."

