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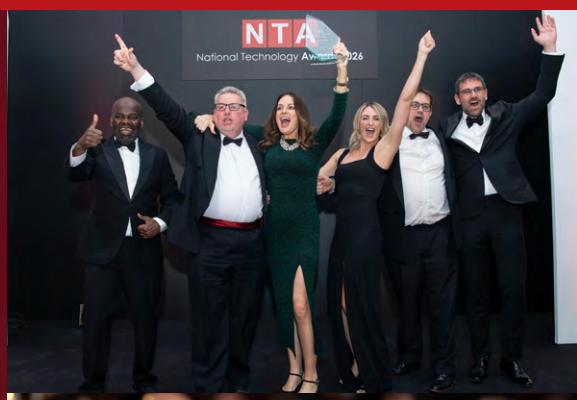
The National Technology Awards continue to provide a valuable opportunity to recognise the organisations, teams and individuals driving innovation across the UK technology sector. As we reflect on 2026 – the 10th annual ceremony – it is clear that technology remains at the heart of economic growth, operational transformation and societal progress, helping organisations across every industry respond to evolving challenges while unlocking new opportunities.

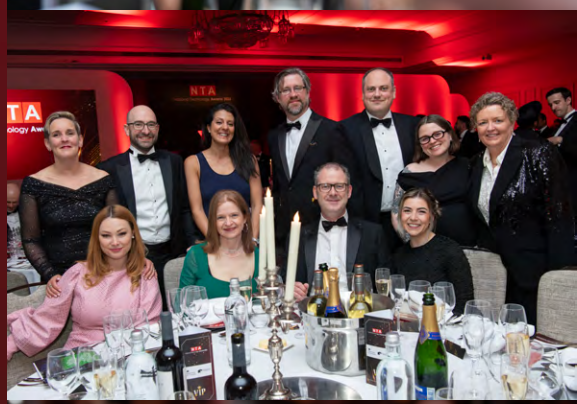
This year's winners demonstrate the remarkable breadth and depth of talent within the UK technology community. From breakthrough achievements in artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity and data analytics, to transformational projects in healthcare, financial services, energy, telecommunications and the public sector, the awards showcase the innovation shaping the future of business and public services alike. The growing focus on responsible AI, operational resilience, ESG and Tech for Good also highlights the industry's commitment to delivering technology that creates lasting value beyond commercial success.

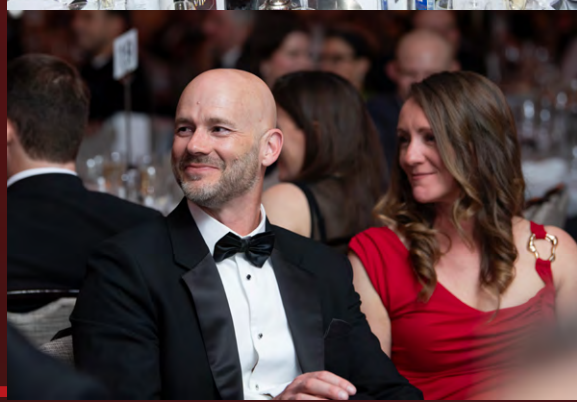
This winners brochure provides an insight into some of the outstanding organisations and individuals recognised at the 2026 National Technology Awards, celebrating the achievements, ideas and leadership that continue to move the industry forward.

On behalf of National Technology News, I would like to thank all of our entrants, judges, sponsors, partners and attendees for their continued support of the awards. Your contribution helps make this programme possible and ensures that excellence across the technology sector receives the recognition it deserves.

Congratulations to all of our winners and finalists. We look forward to celebrating the continued success of the UK technology industry in 2027 and beyond.







JUDGING PANEL

2026 Judging Panel

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Damien McCloud
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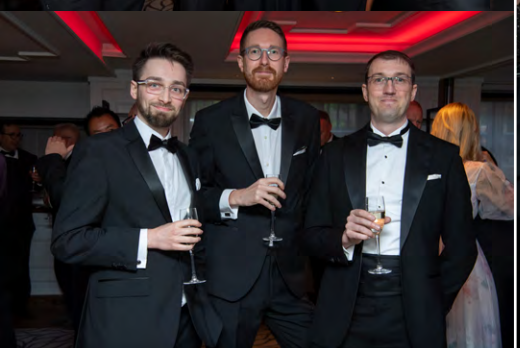
Moses Odutusin
Senior Software Engineer
Co-op UK

David Price
Principal
Scala Advisors

Milan Radia
Founder and CEO
ConnectedCompute



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Innovation of the Year
WINNER: Leonardo UK Ltd

Start-up Tech Company of the Year
WINNER: Crumb

Tech Growth Business of the Year
WINNER: Quantexa

Tech Company of the Year
WINNER: Octopus Energy

Vendor Excellence Award
WINNER: TESSIANT

Cloud Innovation of the Year
WINNER: Wiz

Cloud Product of the Year
WINNER: Home Office (LEDS & LECP) & NPCC

Mobile Innovation of the Year
WINNER: Octopus Electroverse

Smart & Connected Technology Project of the Year
WINNER: Octopus Energy

Data & Analytics Project of the Year
WINNER: Aston University

Data-driven Product of the Year
WINNER: Autumna

Legacy System Modernisation Project of the Year
WINNER: HMRC

AI Innovation of the Year
WINNER: Leonardo UK Ltd

Responsible & Ethical AI Award
WINNER: Calvium

RegTech Project of the Year
WINNER: Corlytics

Security Innovation of the Year
WINNER: Knowbe4

Cyber Security Solution of the Year
WINNER: Keeper Security

Operational Resilience Project of the Year
WINNER: Extreme Networks

Best Public Sector Project
WINNER: Met Office & Made Tech

Best Enterprise Tech Project
WINNER: The Regatta Group

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Innovative Enterprise Product of the Year
WINNER: PressHop

Digital Transformation of the Year
WINNER: VodafoneThree

Healthcare & Life Sciences Technology of the Year
WINNER: Proximie

Transport, Logistics & Supply-Chain Tech Award
WINNER: MSQ DX

Energy and Utilities Project of the Year
WINNER: ScottishPower and SP Energy Networks

Financial Services Tech of the Year
WINNER: Featurespace x NatWest

Retail Tech of the Year
WINNER: RevLifter

Payments Innovation Award
WINNER: Chargebacks911

Telecommunications Technology of the Year
WINNER: Epsilon Telecommunications

Media, Entertainment & Publishing Technology of the Year
WINNER: PressHop

Ad & Marketing Technology Award
WINNER: Guestwise Technology Ltd

Customer Experience (CX) Technology of the Year
WINNER: ScottishPower

User Experience (UX) Technology of the Year
WINNER: Epsilon Telecommunications

Digital Workplace Technology of the Year
WINNER: Home Office (LEDS) & NPCC

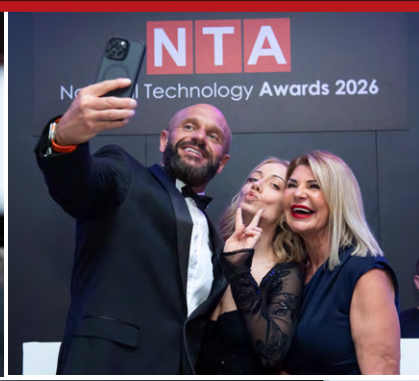
Best Tech Place to Work
WINNER: Answer Digital

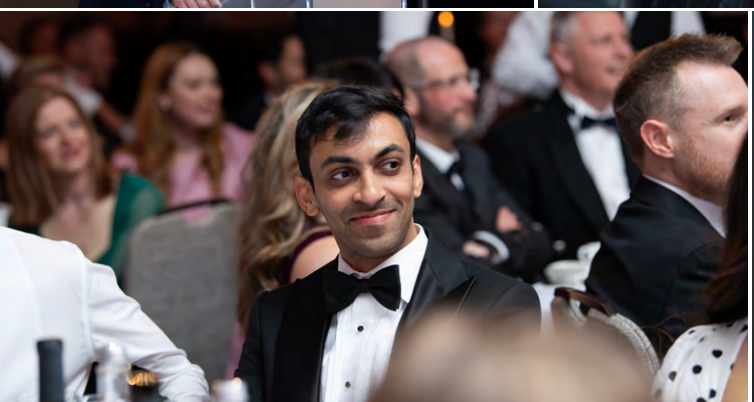
Tech Team of the Year
WINNER: NHS England

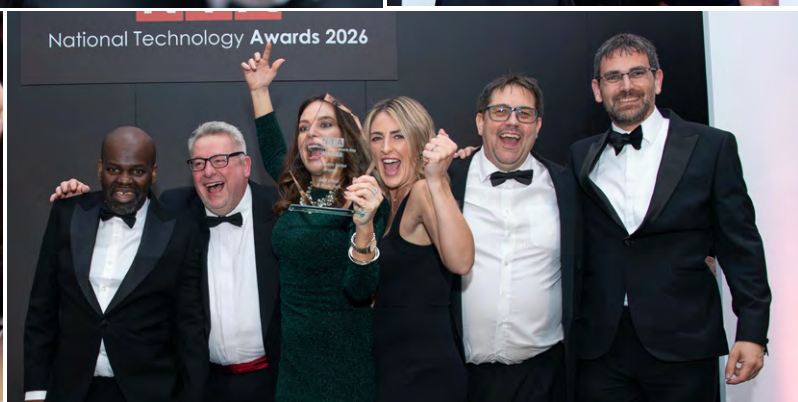
Technology Leader of the Year
WINNER: Segro , Richard Corbridge

Tech for Good Award
WINNER: NWL Acute Provider Collaborative

ESG Technology of the Year
WINNER: osapiens UK Ltd







CYBER SECURITY SOLUTION OF THE YEAR

KEEPER®

Identity is the most contested terrain in enterprise security. Attackers are not breaking through perimeter defences, they are walking through the front door using stolen credentials, abused privileges and unmanaged machine identities. The escalation is not incremental. Credential theft, ransomware and lateral movement through over-privileged accounts have become the defining pattern of modern breaches.

KeeperPAM is Keeper Security's response to this new reality. A cloud-native identity security and Privileged Access Management (PAM) platform built on zero-knowledge and zero-trust principles, it brings together enterprise password management, secrets governance, connection management, zero-trust network access and endpoint privilege controls into a single, unified architecture. KeeperPAM eliminates fragmented tooling and implicit trust, with every privileged session monitored, recorded and auditable.

The platform is designed around least-privilege access, removing standing administrative permissions in favour of just-in-time elevation, enforcing multi-factor authentication and ensuring that no credential, human or machine, carries more access than it needs. The result is a measurably smaller attack surface and a demonstrably shorter path to compliance.

There were two significant additions to the platform in 2025. KeeperAI applies real-time agentic threat detection directly within privileged sessions by identifying suspicious behaviour and terminating high-risk activity as it occurs, rather than generating alerts after the fact. Keeper Forcefield extends that protection to the endpoint, specifically targeting memory-based attacks on Windows devices, a threat vector that has been difficult to address at scale.

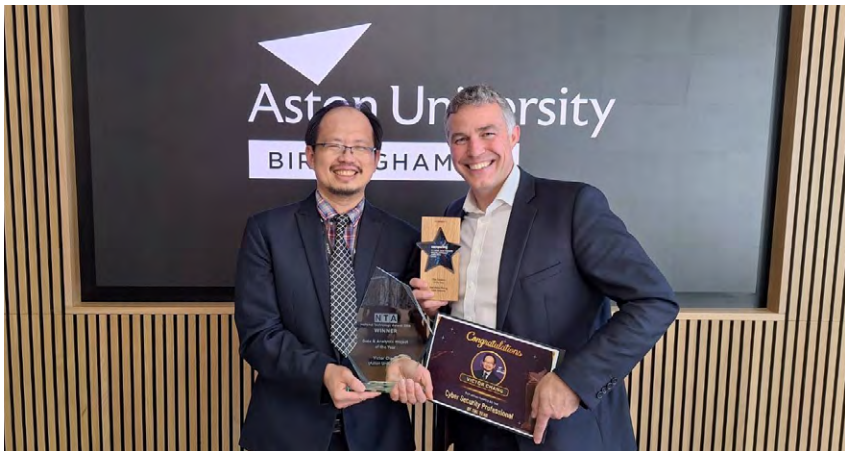
Keeper's zero-knowledge architecture means that encryption keys remain exclusively under customer control. No third party, including Keeper, can access vault data. This is not a policy commitment, it is a structural design principle which is independently validated through foundational information security and compliance frameworks.

The National Technology Awards judges described Keeper as "a highly innovative toolset designed to address the complexity of a challenging sector with strong effectiveness and impact." Effectiveness and impact are the measures that count in enterprise security.

Throughout 2026, Keeper has remained focused on extending that architecture to cover every user, device and connection both human and machine, on-premises and cloud, today and in the post-quantum future.

DATA & ANALYTICS PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Aston University



Data and analytics are vital to understanding complex systems, and advances in AI are making them more powerful than ever. The technology requires careful guardrails, however, especially when dealing with sensitive data.

Aston University's federated learning architecture for 6G Networks with neuromorphic edge computing and healthcare intelligence demonstrated how sophisticated data analysis and AI innovation can create tangible value while maintaining security and compliance.

Centralised machine learning creates bottlenecks and compliance liabilities, preventing institutions like hospitals and banks from storing data where it needs to be.

The University's project identified a fundamental technical contradiction: these organisations need sophisticated AI at the edge, rather than in distant data centres. This led its team to rethink how machine learning operates in distributed environments.

Its research consisted of three integrated components: federated learning architectures for 6G, neuromorphic computing integration and healthcare analytics implementation.

Its federated learning architectures allowed AI models to learn from global sources without transmitting sensitive data. Rather than centralising information, local devices train models independently, then share only aggregated parameters with a coordinating server.

This led to significant performance improvements. Compared to traditional approaches, its federated implementation led to substantial accuracy improvements. Testing in real world environments confirmed its applicability, exceeding traditional security layers by substantial margins.

By using neuromorphic processors instead of conventional GPU and CPU designs, Aston University was able to decrease power consumption by up to 100 times compared to von Neumann designs. This allowed edge devices operating on battery power or constrained electricity budgets could now run sophisticated AI models.

These spiking neural networks placed memory and processor units in close proximity, reducing energy-intensive data movement.

For its healthcare analytics integration, the researchers produced an Internet of Medical Things platform, combining machine learning with clinical workflows. Rather than using black-box predictions, the system incorporated explainability mechanisms that clinicians trusted.

In their evaluation, the judges described the system as a "cutting-edge healthcare AI system," and emphasised its efficiency and accuracy as key factors that led Aston University to win Data & Analytics Project of the Year.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES PROJECT OF THE YEAR
CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE (CX) TECHNOLOGY OF THE YEAR

ScottishPower

In today's volatile energy environment, consumers want to know how much their energy is costing them and what lifestyle changes they can make to reduce their bills.

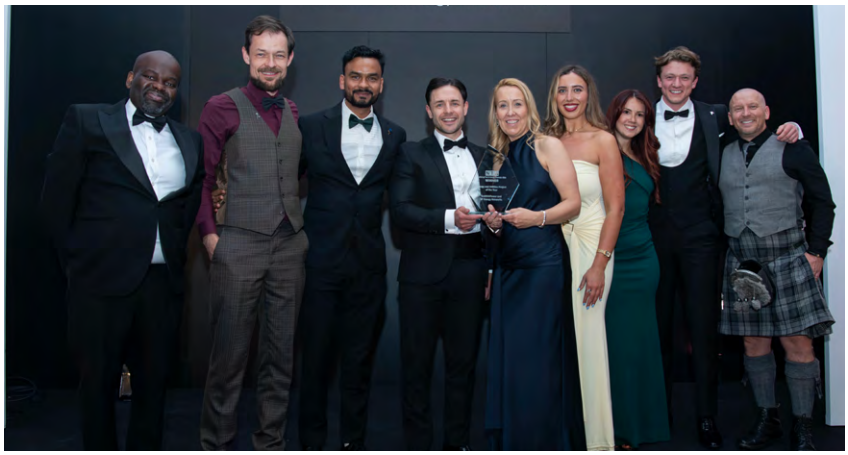
ScottishPower has helped its customers save money on their bills via its Home Energy Management System, a suite of three tools on its app Energy Insights for tracking appliance usage and reducing consumption; Power Saver for finding out about saving periods such as Half Price Weekend events; and EV Optimise rewards for helping EV driver charge during green periods.

Since 2024, 355,000 customers have saved an average of £71.50 on their energy bills. Power Saver has achieved 93 per cent customer participation rate. Additionally, more than 2,300 drivers are using EV optimise to save £22 per month on their bills.

The judges said it was "a focused and customer-centric solution using smart data to deliver personalised insights and meaningful financial and sustainability benefits at scale."

It is clear that ScottishPower is making a measurable difference for its customers, which is what makes it so deserving of Customer Experience (CX) Technology of the Year.

ScottishPower also received the award for Energy and Utilities Project of the Year.



With electric heat pump and EV demand on the rise and significant growth in domestic solar power generation feeding energy back into the grid, the UK's low voltage network needs help to remain reliable. This part of the UK's electricity network has historically had very limited observability, leading to a reliance on outdated fault reporting methods like customer phone calls. This is inadequate for the scale of today's challenge.

SP Energy Networks and ScottishPower collaborated to solve the problem. The result is an end-to-end digital Low Voltage (LV) monitoring capability, which combines 10,035 LV sensors, a cloud-based IoT orchestration platform, and an integrated analytics layer.

Together, these components work to automatically alert engineers whenever abnormal network behaviour occurs, with descriptions of the fault detected and pin-point location data.

The system has already proven itself in practice, with average time off supply down 18 per cent in areas where LV monitors were deployed. The project has the added benefit of supporting the energy transition, by providing visibility of the impact of high powered EV chargers and solar panels feeding energy back into the grid, keeping the network safe as the energy transition progresses.

In their assessment, judges praised the platform's capacity for "improving reliability, reducing downtime, and supporting scalable energy demand."

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