The lead up to the 2011 Dental Awards reached its grand finale on Friday 6th May at a glittering black-tie ceremony held at the exclusive Lancaster London Hotel. Dental Tribune was there and being accompanied by some of our contributors at our table it was, without doubt, a fantastic night!

The evening, which was organised by Purple Media Solutions Ltd and sponsored by The Dental Web, Dentsply, Software of Excellence, Waterpik and Wrigley, was a fantastic night full of laughter, great company and excellent food!

Teams and individuals from dental practices across the UK came together to celebrate the outstanding level of clinical care and patient service they provide at the 13th annual Awards. The ceremony was attended by many industry key opinion leaders and having been presented by celebrity compere, Hal Cruttenden, the evening was a fabulous and entertaining event. Guests and finalists from across the UK, including Liverpool, North Wales, London, Bristol and Manchester, enjoyed a gala dinner, with a champagne reception, four-course meal and awards ceremony.

The event, organised to showcase the best that the UK dental profession has to offer, saw winners walk away with a beautiful, specially designed glass trophy that can be displayed in the practice or laboratory for all to see. Shortlisted finalists also received a certificate.

For those of you who weren’t there, the winners were as follows:

**Dental Laboratory of the Year**

*Winner*: Casterbridge Dental Studio – Dorset
*Highly commended*: Egan Dental Laboratory – North Yorkshire

**Dental Therapist of the Year**

*Winner*: Charlotte Wake – Southampton
*Highly commended*: Kevin Lawlor – Cambridgeshire

**Dental Nurse of the Year**

*Winner*: Kerry Hensley – Apollonia Dental & Cosmetic Centre, Liverpool
*Highly commended*: Michelle Whithy – Sweetcroft Dental Practice, Middlesex

**Dental Receptionist of the Year**

*Winner*: Barbara Whittaker – Cahill Dental Centre, Bolton
*Highly commended*: Kevin Lawlor – Cambridgeshire

**Team of the Year (North)**

*Winner*: Dental Mavericks – Sunderland
*Highly commended*: Thompson & Thomas – Sheffield

**Team of the Year (South)**

*Winner*: Sweetcroft Dental Practice – Middlesex
*Highly commended*: Maple Orthodontics – Berkshire

**Practice Design and Interior**

*Winner*: The River Practice Specialist Centre – Truro
*Highly commended*: Maple Orthodontics – Berkshire

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**Dentist of the Year**

*Winner*: Donald Sloss – Clock Tower Dental Care, North Yorkshire
*Highly commended*: Roland Kouble – Woodseats Dental Care, Sheffield

**Outstanding achievement**

*Winner*: David Phillips

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