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The National winners were:

National Plant Mechanic of the Year

Jack Lovesey of Liebherr

National Plant Technician of the Year

Richard Nnadiri of Flannery Plant Hire

Hire Controller of the Year

Kiera Beaumont of Sunbelt

Young Plant Operative of the Year

Molly Gill of Flannery Plant Hire

Plant Operative of the Year

James Grant of Flannery Plant Hire

Plant Installer of the Year

Joel Munt of L Lynch



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Technical Support Person of the Year

Charlie Jackson of Flannery Plant Hire

Individual Apprentice Mentor of the Year

Oliver Vickery of GAP Group

Group Apprentice Mentor of the Year

Paul Rawsterne of Watling JCB and Steve Mooney of Lowton Infrastructure Group (Joint Winners)

Best Personal Statement Award

Scott Kelly of Finning UK

Judges' Special Award

Kate MacLeod of CalMax Construction

The awards feature a two stage judging process, with the CPA selection panel creating a shortlist before an independent panel of external judges makes the final decision.

The external judging panel included Arran Willis of Liebherr, Siôn Morgan Jones of ACOP group,

Kirsty Archbold-Laming of Southern Hoist Services, Leigh Sparrow of the Vertikal Press, Graham Black of Earthmovers Magazine, Tim Brownbridge of BAM Nuttall, independent judge Rob Allen, Georgina Williams of JCB, Sean Scarah of Balfour Beatty and Dean Watkin of G F Tomlinson.

The Regional winners were:

Plant Mechanic of the Year - North

Jake Thomas, Geocore Site Investigations

Highly Commended

Simone Loonam, GGR

Highly Commended

Ben Howes, Moortown

Plant Mechanic of the Year - Midlands

Kristan Moody, Flannery Plant Hire

Highly Commended

Elina Smith, Clee Hill Plant

Highly Commended

Kaiden Crowe, UK Tool Hire

Plant Mechanic of the Year - South

Jack Lovesey, Liebherr

Highly Commended

Josh White, Sunbelt

Highly Commended

Amber Young, GAP

Plant Mechanic of the Year - Scotland

Callan Brown, GAP

Plant Mechanic of the Year - Wales

Aaron Hawkins, Rapidgrid

Highly Commended

Ryan Lloyd, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

Highly Commended

Tyler Ball, GTAccess

National Plant Mechanic of the Year

Jack Lovesey, Liebherr

Highly Commended

Kristan Moody, Flannery Plant Hire

Plant Technician of the Year - North

Maisie Holloway, Finning UK

Highly Commended

Paul Hampson, CRJ Services

Highly Commended

Paisley Cooke, Flannery Plant Hire

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Oliver Flowers, Watling JCB

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Shaydn George, Clee Hill Plant

Plant Technician of the Year - South

Peter Child, Watling JCB

Highly Commended

Bradley Hawkes, MDS Civil Engineering

Highly Commended

Ciaran Sequeira, Liebherr

Plant Technician of the Year - Scotland

Scott Kelly, Finning UK

Highly Commended

Chris Scott, Marubeni-Komatsu

Highly Commended

Logan Rae, Liebherr

Plant Technician of the Year - Wales

Alfie Davies, Mason Bros

Highly Commended

Joel Palmizi, Flannery Plant Hire

Highly Commended

Sam Davies, Flannery Plant Hire

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Caithlin Ellis, Speedy Hire

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Jensen Scoggins, TRU7

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Joel Munt, L Lynch

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Jack Fitzgerald, Falcon Tower Crane Services

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Jak Brooks, Wolffkran

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College of the Year

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