

Photographers in the frame

Two talented photographers from Stockton have won national awards for their work.

Gary Walsh, 42, from Norton was chosen from hundreds of entries to secure first, second and third place in the prestigious Fujifilm Envisage Photography Awards 2008.

Gary said: "I've been told this is the first time in the competition's history that one photographer has claimed all three top spots, so it is a massive achievement. The lovely thing is that it's exactly ten years ago that I won the Fujifilm Best Newcomer Award. I'll be entering the competition again next year but I don't know how I'm going to top this year's result."

Gary's award included a £1,000 cash prize for the star of the winning portrait, Jonathan Wright, a student at Stockton Sixth Form.

John Boddy, a photographer from Eaglescliffe has received the official stamp of approval from the national body of professional photographers. The British Institute of Professional Photography has awarded John a Licentiate ship, making him one of a handful of North East photographers to have received the accreditation.



Gary (left) with the star of his award winning portrait



Eaglescliffe photographer, John Boddy