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Who's the Boss!

The Hampshire Court Hotel General Manager crowned Best Boss 2011

Dan Kelly, General Manager of The Hampshire Hotel near Basingstoke has been celebrating after being crowned Kestrel FM's Best Boss 2011. Dan, who has been General Manager at the hotel for almost two years, was nominated by his staff and beat off four other finalists to win the award.

Kestrel FM DJ James O'Neill, who presented the award, complimented Dan on the number of accolades he had received from his staff, who had described Dan as "an absolute pleasure to work with" and "a brilliant role model to staff" saying "The standard of entries for the award this year were really high and it was a difficult job for our judging panel to pick the winner, but we felt Dan edged it and are delighted to award him the Kestrel FM Best Boss of the Year Award for 2011."

On winning his award, Dan commented "I was absolutely thrilled but totally taken aback to win this award and would like to say a huge thank you to my very special team at The Hampshire Court Hotel for putting me forward for the award and for voting for me. They make it very easy for me to be the 'best' boss as they are the best team to work with and I am delighted that my prize is the chance for me to take them out for a day at Countrywide Special Events. A big thank you also to Kestrel FM for the accolade!"

For more information about The Hampshire Court Hotel please contact 01256 319700 or go to www.qhotels.co.uk

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