

British Security Awards: Best Newcomer category to be renamed in memory of Gaby Hutchinson

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The BSIA is to rename its Best Newcomer category at the British Security Awards in memory of security operative Gaby Hutchinson, who lost their life in the course of duty in December.

Gaby, who worked as a dog handler for BSIA members County, was on duty with their dog Coco on the night of the Asake concert on 15 December and was caught up in the ensuing incident, tragically losing their life on 19 December.

The Best Newcomer category, which celebrates a new security operative who has shown outstanding promise in their chosen career is awarded to the winner of the regional finalists from the security personnel categories of the Association's annual awards scheme. From 2023, the award will now be renamed 'the Gaby Hutchinson Award (Best Newcomer)', with the incumbent winner announced on the national stage on Wednesday 21 June at the Grand Connaught Rooms, London.

Mike Reddington, Chief Executive, BSIA, said: "Along with the security community, we were devastated when we heard the terrible news of Gaby's passing. The security industry prides itself with its community-led approach to both the companies it represents and more importantly to the people who work tirelessly on a daily basis in keeping people, property and places professionally protected.

"Gaby was one such person, who played a vital role doing a job that they loved. It is therefore our duty in honour of their memory for us to keep Gaby's name alive and for the role they played to always be remembered. We hope that by presenting this particular award in perpetuity in their name will go some way in achieving this."

Phoebie Turley, Gaby's partner said: "Gaby had the kindest soul. They lived their life making sure everyone had what they needed and more, even if it left Gaby with nothing. Gaby was known for helping others, constantly buying people stuff to make them smile, being a bit too cheeky and being a protector. Before Gaby became a dog handler, they worked as a carer. Gaby has always had that strong passion to

care and help others, and I know that shined through until the end.

“We hope that Gaby will be remembered and recognised as the loving, brave individual they were. As the person that would love with 110% of their heart, and protect with all their might. You will never be forgotten Gaby. You have left a mark on all of our lives, and life without you will be a little less colourful.”

A Go Fund Me page has also been set up in Gaby’s name by their family, and [donations can be made](#) by visiting the page.

More information on the British Security Awards can be found on the [scheme’s](#) website.