

Entrepreneur a finalist for award

AN Andover businesswoman who owns a company that specialises in business opportunities for professionals, has been named as one of the UK's top business people in the 2009 Barclays Trading Places Awards.

The entrepreneur is now in the running for national glory in the award finals – to be held later this year – which honours men and women who are turning their lives around by choosing to start up a business.

The Government-backed awards recognise business heroes who are no strangers to overcoming adversity.

The day after being told she was in consultation for redundancy in January 2008, Paula Wynne underwent minor keyhole surgery on her right shoulder, which went drastically wrong.

Despite having alternative options for employment with the same company, Paula was unable to take up this offer because she was left with a dislocated collarbone for more than



four weeks.

This resulted in numerous operations over the following months to reconstruct her shoulder with metal plates.

But through it all, Paula managed to maintain her positive attitude and despite being out of work and often having to endure extreme pain, was

determined to press ahead with her dream for a home business.

The inspiration for Remote Employment was borne out of Paula's experience as a mother looking for flexible work from home while raising her son.

With her partner, Ken, Paula set up an online employment service for skilled and experienced professionals who want to work flexibly, remotely or from home.

In their first year, the couple have succeeded in building a substantial client database, matching freelancers and home workers to employers via their website.

The business has also attracted substantial media attention from the national press, radio, TV and magazines, including features on Sky News and Radio 2 and has already won two business awards.

The company has now launched its own Remote Worker Awards, which aim to raise awareness of remote and home working as a viable alternative to the traditional nine-to-five office routine.