

## Business

### Company wins prize for health technology

VITAMIN, minerals and supplements producer Principle Healthcare has won the UKTI Export Achievement Award at the Medilink Yorkshire and Humber Awards 2014.

The awards, held in partnership with Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network, celebrate the achievements of healthcare technology and related life sciences companies throughout the region.

The UKTI Export Achievement Award is presented for outstanding performance in international trade.

Skipton-based Principle Healthcare was presented with the award in front of more than 150 delegates at Sheffield City Hall as part of the inaugural Medilink Winter Ball.

"It's absolutely fantastic to receive this award," said Principle Healthcare's international brand controller Victoria Boldison. "We didn't expect to win at all."

"This award win is all about the team which has been doing an outstanding job over the last 12 months. We're looking forward to even more success in 2015 when we'll continue to innovate and keep growing."

The company will now

### Firm to display its products in Middle East

A CROSS Hills company, which produces innovative medical equipment, is to attend the biggest healthcare exhibition in the Middle East.

Viamed will display a range of its groundbreaking products at the Arab Health Exhibition, in Dubai, from January 26 to 29.

The Station Road firm will be showcasing latest technology in the field of capnography, which involves the measuring of excreted carbon dioxide levels into the bloodstream.

Among devices being exhibited is VersaStream, which quickly removes condensation from sampling lines and speeds

up the preparation time for patient monitoring.

New so-called SMARTsat technology, developed in close conjunction with research institutions and university hospitals to measure oxygen levels in blood, will also be on show.

A selection of portable capnograph monitors will also be demonstrated. Ryan Swaine, Viamed's international sales manager, said: "We are keen to enhance our relationship with distributors and clinicians in the Middle East region and Arab Health is the perfect opportunity for us to begin raising awareness of our innovative product portfolio."



Viamed international sales manager Ryan Swaine, left, and managing director Derek Lamb

### Mountain trek raises money for hospice



Furkan Sharif and Georgie Chester unveil the Acorn flag in Nepal

TWO staff from Steeton-based Acorn Stairlifts have returned from a gruelling 10-day trek in the Himalayas having raised more than £5,500 for Manorlands hospice at Oxenhope.

As part of the money-raising adventure, Georgie Chester and Furkan Sharif trekked across the Annapurna region in Nepal, which is home to some of the highest and most treacherous peaks in the world.

It was part of Acorn's continued support for Manorlands last year, when nearly 100 staff took part in the Keighley 10K in March, and their operations manager ran in the London Marathon the

## Variety of handmade gift ideas on sale at new shop

