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Welcome to the August/September issue of Pest

Despite the constant headlines concerning COVID-19 that continue to occupy the front pages of the national press, and every TV news bulletin, the professional pest control sector is doing a sterling job.

This was the topic I was asked to talk about on national radio when I was interviewed by Ian Collins on Talk Radio about the swell in rodent numbers during lockdown.

While I partly agreed with Ian that lockdown had boosted rodent population numbers, I pointed out that at the very start of lockdown, professional pest controllers were side-lined by the Government and that it took the lobbying of the British Pest Control Association (BPCA) and National Pest Technicians Association (NPTA) to enable the sector to get back to work.

As I've said before in this part of the magazine, I'm full of pride for the way the industry has reacted to the pandemic and, moving forward, I believe that the industry will be more united.

In this issue we are delighted to be announcing the

launch of The British Pest Management Awards, which will recognise the professionalism of pest controllers across the UK.

The awards, run by *Pest* magazine, are supported by the BPCA, the NPTA and BASIS PROMPT.

We'll announce the categories and how to enter The British Pest Management Awards in the October/November issue of *Pest* magazine.

For all the latest news, don't forget to check out the website – www.pestmagazine.co.uk.

Also, don't forget to follow the magazine on Twitter – search for us @PestMagUK.

Pest is your magazine and I'd very much like to hear from both pest control professionals and manufacturers.

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