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**Leeds Building Society receives highest rating from Best Companies  
Accolade recognises firms with world-class levels of engagement**

Leeds Building Society has received the top 3 star rating following its Best Companies survey.

The accreditation is the recognised standard for workplace engagement and demonstrates holders understand how a valued workforce is a vital part of their success story.

It recognises organisations who care about doing things the right way and who are committed to their colleagues. The findings are based on a colleague survey and those who receive a three star rating are described as being “world-class.”

“Congratulations to Leeds Building Society on their fantastic achievement of a 3 star accreditation, which demonstrates that they take workplace engagement seriously and continue to put their people at the forefront of all they do.

“This has been rewarded through world class levels of engagement – well done indeed,” said Jonathan Austin, Founder & CEO at Best Companies.

Richard Fearon, CEO of Leeds Building Society said: “Our skilled and talented colleagues are our biggest asset, so I’m really proud to receive this accreditation, which is testament to our desire to create an inclusive, supportive culture which creates an environment where our colleagues can thrive.

“The Society’s almost 150 years old but we have a modern outlook and are at an exciting moment in our evolution as we settle into our new HQ in the centre of Leeds and continue to invest in our digital capacity as we look to the future.”

The Society’s rating has risen from two stars in 2018.

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**Notes to Editors:**

Attached image caption: Richard Fearon, CEO of Leeds Building Society

The Society operates throughout the UK and had assets of £21.1bn at 30 June 2021 (£20.5bn at 30 June 2020). The UK’s fifth-largest mutual has its head office in the centre of Leeds, where it was founded in 1875.

The Society won the title of Best Shared Ownership Mortgage Lender in the 2021 What Mortgage Awards, its sixth consecutive year of success in this category. It also received a Gold Ribbon from Fairer Finance for savings accounts for the fourth year running, based on customer happiness and trust, along with the ability to explain things clearly.