VisitEngland Visitor Attraction Accolade Winners 2018

Designed to celebrate excellence within the visitor attraction sector, VisitEngland’s Accolades showcase those businesses in our quality scheme that go the extra mile to provide a high quality day out, whether through a warm welcome, an engaging story, a delicious lunch or the overall visitor experience. Accolades are given for the following categories: Welcome, Best Told Story, Quality Food & Drink, Hidden Gem and Gold.

For more information on the accolade winners listed below and the VisitEngland Visitor Attraction Accolades, please contact the VisitEngland Assessment Services team on VisitEnglandAssessmentServices@theAA.com or 01256 491111.

East Midlands

- D. H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum, Nottingham – Welcome www.lleisure.co.uk/d-h-lawrence-birthplace-museum

- King Richard III Visitor Centre, Leicester – Best Told Story https://kriii.com


- National Space Centre, Leicester – Best Told Story https://spacecentre.co.uk


- The Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath – Gold www.heightsofabraham.com

East of England

- Chilford Hall Vineyard, Cambridge – Best Told Story www.chilfordhall.co.uk

- Colchester Castle, Colchester – Welcome https://cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/colchester-castle/
• Creake Abbey, Fakenham – Quality Food & Drink  
  www.creakeabbey.co.uk

• Ferry Meadows Country Park, Peterborough – Welcome  
  www.renepark.org.uk/about-us/locations/ferry-meadows

• Jordans Mill, Biggleswade – Quality Food & Drink  
  https://jordansmill.com

• Redwings Aylsham Visitor Centre, Aylsham – Welcome  
  www.redwings.org.uk/get-involved/visit/aylsham-visitor-centre

• RSPB Lakenheath Fen, Lakenheath – Welcome  
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/lakenheath-fen

• RSPB Minsmere Nature Reserve, Saxmundham – Welcome  
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/minsmere

• RSPB Rainham Marshes Nature Reserve, Purfleet – Welcome  
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/rainham-marshes

• RSPB Strumpshaw Fen Nature Reserve, Norwich – Welcome  
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/strumpshaw-fen

• RSPB The Lodge Nature Reserve, Sandy – Welcome  
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/the-lodge

• Sea Life Adventure, Southend-on-Sea – Welcome  
  http://sealifeadventure.co.uk/

London

• HM Tower of London, London – Gold  
  www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/

• ICE Infrastructure Learning Hub, London – Best Told Story  
  www.ice.org.uk/knowledge-and-resources/infrastructure-learning-hub

• Tower Bridge Exhibition, London – Gold  
  www.towerbridge.org.uk

North East

• Adventure Valley, Durham – Welcome  
  www.adventurevalley.co.uk

• BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead – Gold  
  http://baltic.art
• Hall Hill Farm, Durham – Welcome
  www.hallhillfarm.co.uk

• Head of Steam – Darlington Railway Museum, Darlington – Welcome
  www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/head-of-steam

• mima, Middlesbrough – Welcome
  www.visitmima.com

• Saltburn Cliff Tramway, Saltburn – Welcome
  https://redcarcleveland.co.uk/enjoy/saltburn-cliff-tramway

• The Alnwick Garden, Alnwick – Welcome
  www.alnwickgarden.com

• The Gardens at Wynyard Hall, Billingham – Welcome
  www.wynyardhall.co.uk/the-gardens

North West

• Abbot Hall Art Gallery & Museum of Lakeland Life & Industry, Kendal – Quality Food & Drink
  www.abbothall.org.uk

• Chester Zoo, Chester – Gold
  www.chesterzoo.org

• Kirklington Hall & Gardens, Carlisle – Welcome
  https://kirklingtonhall.co.uk

• Mersey Tunnel Tours, Liverpool – Best Told Story
  www.merseytravel.gov.uk/tunnels/Pages/Tunnel-Tours

• RSPB Dee Estuary – Burton Mere Wetlands, Neston – Welcome
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/dee-estuary-burton-mere-wetlands

• The Lakes Distillery, Bassenthwaite Lake – Gold
  www.lakesdistillery.com

South East

• Chawton House Library, Alton – Hidden Gem
  https://chawtonhouse.org

• Farley's House & Gallery, Chiddingly – Hidden Gem
  www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk

• Historic Dockyard, Chatham – Gold
  http://thedockyard.co.uk/
• Hook Norton Brewery, Banbury – Hidden Gem
  www.hooky.co.uk

• Hush Heath Winery, Tonbridge – Gold
  https://hushheath.com

• MINI Plant, Oxford – Best Told Story
  www.visit-mini.com/visitmini/

• Monkey Haven, Newport – Best Told Story
  www.monkeyhaven.org

• Oxford Official Walking Tours, Oxford – Best Told Story
  www.experienceoxfordshire.org/venue/oxford-official-walking-tours/

• Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre, Great Missenden – Gold
  www.roalddahl.com/museum

• Royal Engineers Museum, Library & Archive, Gillingham – Hidden Gem
  www.re-museum.co.uk

• Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury – Gold
  https://waddesdon.org.uk/

• West Dean Gardens, Chichester – Quality Food & Drink
  www.westdean.org.uk/gardens

South West

• Aerospace Bristol, Bristol – Quality Food & Drink
  http://aerospacebristol.org

• Highgrove Gardens, Tetbury – Gold
  www.highgrovegardens.com

• Plymouth Gin, Plymouth – Quality Food & Drink
  https://plymouthdistillery.com

• REME Museum, Chippenham – Hidden Gem
  www.rememuseum.org.uk

• Seaton Tramway, Seaton – Welcome
  www.tram.co.uk

• Victoria Art Gallery, Bath – Best Told Story
  www.victoriagal.org.uk

• Wadworth Brewery Visitor Centre, Devizes – Hidden Gem
  www.wadworth.co.uk/more/brewery-tours
West Midlands

- Aston Hall, Birmingham – Best Told Story
  www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston

- Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham – Quality Food & Drink
  www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag

- British Motor Museum, Gaydon – Welcome
  www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk

- Cadbury World, Birmingham – Gold
  www.cadburyworld.co.uk

- Dudley Canal Tunnel & Limestone Mines, Dudley – Best Told Story
  http://dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/

- Eastnor Castle, Ledbury – Best Told Story
  https://eastnorcastle.com

- Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent – Best Told Story
  http://emmabridgewaterfactory.co.uk

- Hartlebury Castle, Hartlebury – Hidden Gem
  https://hartleburycastle.com/

- National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas – Gold
  www.thenma.org.uk

- RSPB Coombes Valley, Leek – Hidden Gem
  www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/coombes-valley

- Sarehole Mill, Birmingham – Welcome
  www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/sarehole

- The Coffin Works, Birmingham – Best Told Story
  www.coffinworks.org

- The Cotswold Distillery, Shipston-on-Stour – Hidden Gem
  www.cotswoldsdistillery.com

- Thinktank, Birmingham – Welcome
  www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/thinktank

- Winterbourne House & Garden, Birmingham – Welcome
  www.winterbourne.org.uk

- World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent – Gold
  www.worldofwedgwood.com
Yorkshire

- Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby – Gold
  [www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk](http://www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk)

- RSPB Blacktoft Sands Nature Reserve, Goole – Hidden Gem
  [www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/blacktoft-sands](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/blacktoft-sands)

- The Emmerdale Village Tour, Leeds – Best Told Story
  [www.emmerdalestudioexperience.co.uk/village-tour](http://www.emmerdalestudioexperience.co.uk/village-tour)

Channel Islands

- Hamptonne Country Life Museum, St Lawrence – Hidden Gem
  [www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/hamptonne-country-life-museum](http://www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/hamptonne-country-life-museum)

- Jersey Museum & Art Gallery, St Helier – Gold
  [www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/jersey-museum---art-gallery](http://www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/jersey-museum---art-gallery)

- La Hougue Bie, Grouville – Hidden Gem
  [www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/la-hougue-bie-museum](http://www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/la-hougue-bie-museum)