



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 49111.

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>
- Lincoln Guildhall, Lincoln – Best Told Story
www.visitlincoln.com/things-to-do/guildhall-and-stonebow
- National Space Centre, Leicester – Best Told Story
<https://spacecentre.co.uk>
- Rufford Abbey Country Park, Ollerton – Welcome
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/country-parks/rufford-abbey
- 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.nenepark.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
- RSPB Blacktoft Sands Nature Reserve, Goole – Hidden Gem
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

Channel Islands

- Hamptonne Country Life Museum, St Lawrence – Hidden Gem
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
- La Hougue Bie, Grouville – Hidden Gem
www.jerseyheritage.org/places-to-visit/la-hougue-bie-museum