



VisitEngland Visitor Attraction Accolade Winners 2017

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

- Renishaw Hall & Gardens, Renishaw – Hidden Gem
www.renishaw-hall.co.uk
- The Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath – Gold
www.heightsofabraham.com
- Bransby Horses, Lincoln – Hidden Gem
<https://bransbyhorses.co.uk>
- Charles Rennie Mackintosh House – Quality Food & Drink
www.78derngate.org.uk

East of England

- RSPB The Lodge Nature Reserve, Sandy – Welcome
www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/the-lodge
- Colchester Castle, Colchester – Welcome
<https://cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/colchester-castle/>
- Sea Life Adventure, Southend-on-Sea – Welcome
<http://sealifeadventure.co.uk/>
- Broads Tours, Wroxham – Best Told Story
www.broadstours.co.uk



- Holkham Hall, Wells-next-the-Sea – Gold
www.holkham.co.uk
- RNLI Henry Blogg Museum, Cromer – Best Told Story
<https://rnli.org/find-my-nearest/museums/henry-blogg-museum>
- Sheringham Museum, Sheringham – Hidden Gem
www.sheringhammuseum.co.uk/
- RSPB Lakenheath Fen, Lakenheath – Welcome
www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/lakenheath-fen
- The Red House, Aldeburgh – Hidden Gem
<https://brittenpears.org/>

London

- Arsenal Stadium Tour & Museum, London – Gold
<https://bookings.arsenal.com/stadiumtours>
- HM Tower of London, London – Gold
www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/
- ICE Infrastructure Learning Hub, London – Hidden Gem
www.ice.org.uk/knowledge-and-resources/infrastructure-learning-hub
- St Barts Hospital Museum, London – Hidden Gem
www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/st-bartholomews-museum-and-archives
- Tower Bridge Exhibition, London – Gold
www.towerbridge.org.uk

North East

- Beamish, the Living Museum of the North, County Durham – Best Told Story
www.beamish.org.uk
- Durham Castle, Durham – Welcome
www.dur.ac.uk/durham.castle/
- Roman Army Museum, Greenhead – Welcome
www.vindolanda.com/roman-army-museum
- Roman Vindolanda, Hexham – Best Told Story
www.vindolanda.com/roman-vindolanda
- RSPB Saltholme, Middlesbrough – Gold
www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/saltholme



- BBC Tours, Newcastle – Best Told Story
www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/newcastle
- Life Science Centre, Newcastle – Welcome
www.life.org.uk
- Seven Stories, Newcastle – Welcome
www.sevenstories.org.uk

North West

- Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich – Best Told Story
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/anderton-boat-lift-visitor-centre>
- Chester Zoo, Chester – Gold
www.chesterzoo.org
- City Sightseeing, Chester – Best Told Story
<https://city-sightseeing.com/en/89/chester/253/hop-on-hop-off-chester>
- Abbot Hall Art Gallery & Museum of Lakeland Life & Industry, Kendal – Quality Food & Drink
www.abbothall.org.uk
- The Lakes Distillery, Cockermouth – Gold
www.lakesdistillery.com
- National Football Museum, Manchester – Welcome
www.nationalfootballmuseum.com/
- Robinsons Brewery Visitor Centre, Stockport – Quality Food & Drink
www.robinsonsbrewery.com
- Staircase House & Stockport Museum, Stockport – Best Told Story
www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/stockport-museum
- Sandcastle Waterpark, Blackpool – Welcome
www.sandcastle-waterpark.co.uk
- Liverpool Cycle Tours, Liverpool – Hidden Gem
<http://liverpoolcycletours.com/>
- Museum of Liverpool, Liverpool – Gold
www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/mol

South East

- The Look Out Discovery Centre, Bracknell – Welcome
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leisure-services/look-out-discovery-centre



- Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes – Welcome
<https://bletchleypark.org.uk/>
- Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury – Gold
<https://waddesdon.org.uk/>
- Farley’s House & Gallery, Chiddingly – Hidden Gem
www.farleyshouseandgallery.co.uk
- Bombay Sapphire Distillery, Whitchurch – Best Told Story
<http://distillery.bombaysapphire.com/>
- Exbury Gardens & Steam Railway, Southampton – Best Told Story
www.exbury.co.uk
- Paultons Park, Romsey – Gold
<https://paultonspark.co.uk/>
- Ringwood Brewery, Ringwood – Hidden Gem
www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk
- St Barbe Museum & Art Gallery, Lymington – Hidden Gem
www.stbarbe-museum.org.uk
- Bedgebury National Pinetum, Goudhurst – Welcome
www.forestry.gov.uk/bedgebury
- Historic Dockyard, Chatham – Gold
<http://thedockyard.co.uk/>
- Pines Garden Museum & Tea Room, Dover – Quality Food & Drink
<https://baytrust.org.uk/>
- MINI Plant, Oxford – Best Told Story
www.visit-mini.com/visitmini/
- Oxford Official Walking Tours, Oxford – Best Told Story
www.experienceoxfordshire.org/venue/oxford-official-walking-tours/
- Wychwood Brewery Tours, Witney – Hidden Gem & Welcome
www.wychwood.co.uk
- West Dean Gardens, Chichester – Quality Food & Drink
www.westdean.org.uk/gardens

South West

- Trebah Gardens, Mawnan Smith – Welcome
www.trebahgarden.co.uk



- Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton – Hidden Gem
www.thelmahulbert.com
- Corinium Museum, Cirencester – Gold
<https://coriniummuseum.org/>
- WWT Slimbridge, Slimbridge – Gold
www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge
- Bishop's Palace & Gardens, Wells – Quality Food & Drink
<https://bishopsalace.org.uk/>
- Fashion Museum, Bath – Best Told Story
www.fashionmuseum.co.uk
- Roman Baths, Bath – Gold
www.romanbaths.co.uk
- REME Museum, Chippenham – Hidden Gem
www.rememuseum.org.uk

West Midlands

- Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent – Best Told Story & Quality Food & Drink
<http://emmabridgewaterfactory.co.uk>
- Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent – Gold
www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens
- World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent – Gold
www.worldofwedgwood.com
- British Motor Museum, Gaydon – Gold
www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk
- Compton Verney, Stratford upon Avon – Gold
www.comptonverney.org.uk
- Aston Hall, Birmingham – Best Told Story
www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston
- BBC Tours, Birmingham – Best Told Story
www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham
- Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham – Quality Food & Drink
www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag
- Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham – Best Told Story
www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/jewellery



- Cadbury World, Birmingham – Welcome
www.cadburyworld.co.uk
- Dudley Canal Tunnel & Limestone Mines, Dudley – Best Told Story
<http://dudleycanaltrust.org.uk/>
- Spetchley Park Gardens, Worcester – Hidden Gem
www.spetchleygardens.co.uk

Yorkshire

- Wilberforce House, Hull – Welcome
<http://www.hullcc.gov.uk/portal/page- pageid=221,631432& dad=portal& schema=PORTAL>
- Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby – Gold
www.cookmuseumwhitby.co.uk
- Henry VII Experience at Micklegate Bar, York – Hidden Gem
www.thejorvikgroup.com/attractions/richard-iii-henry-vii-experiences
- Jorvik Viking Centre, York – Best Told Story
www.jorvikvikingcentre.co.uk
- The York Dungeon, York – Best Told Story
www.thedungeons.com/york/en/
- RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Harrogate – Gold
www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr
- Richmondshire Museum, Richmond – Hidden Gem
www.richmondshiremuseum.org.uk
- The Green Howards Museum, Richmond – Hidden Gem
<http://greenhowards.org.uk>
- Ripley Castle, Ripley – Best Told Story
www.ripleycastle.co.uk
- Spirit of Yorkshire Distillery, Hunmanby – Welcome
www.spiritofyorkshire.com
- Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster – Welcome
www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com
- Eureka! The National Children's Museum, Halifax – Welcome
www.eureka.org.uk
- Kirkstall Abbey, Leeds – Welcome
www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries/kirkstallabbey