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](http://www.renishaw-hall.co.uk)

- The Heights of Abraham, Matlock Bath – Gold
  [www.heightsofabraham.com](http://www.heightsofabraham.com)

- Bransby Horses, Lincoln – Hidden Gem
  [https://bransbyhorses.co.uk](https://bransbyhorses.co.uk)

- Charles Rennie Mackintosh House – Quality Food & Drink
  [www.78derngate.org.uk](http://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](http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/the-lodge)

- Colchester Castle, Colchester – Welcome
  [https://cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/colchester-castle/](https://cimuseums.org.uk/visit/venues/colchester-castle/)

- Sea Life Adventure, Southend-on-Sea – Welcome
  [http://sealifeadventure.co.uk/](http://sealifeadventure.co.uk/)

- Broads Tours, Wroxham – Best Told Story
  [www.broadstours.co.uk](http://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.farleyhouseandgallery.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](http://www.thelmahulbert.com)

- Corinium Museum, Cirencester – Gold
  [https://coriniummuseum.org/](https://coriniummuseum.org/)

- WWT Slimbridge, Slimbridge – Gold
  [www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge)

- Bishop’s Palace & Gardens, Wells – Quality Food & Drink
  [https://bishopspalace.org.uk/](https://bishopspalace.org.uk/)

- Fashion Museum, Bath – Best Told Story
  [www.fashionmuseum.co.uk](http://www.fashionmuseum.co.uk)

- Roman Baths, Bath – Gold
  [www.romanbaths.co.uk](http://www.romanbaths.co.uk)

- REME Museum, Chippenham – Hidden Gem
  [www.rememuseum.org.uk](http://www.rememuseum.org.uk)

**West Midlands**

- Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent – Best Told Story & Quality Food & Drink
  [http://emmabridgewaterfactory.co.uk](http://emmabridgewaterfactory.co.uk)

- Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent – Gold
  [www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens](http://www.trentham.co.uk/trentham-gardens)

- World of Wedgwood, Stoke-on-Trent – Gold
  [www.worldofwedgwood.com](http://www.worldofwedgwood.com)

- British Motor Museum, Gaydon – Gold
  [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)

- Compton Verney, Stratford upon Avon – Gold
  [www.comptonverney.org.uk](http://www.comptonverney.org.uk)

- Aston Hall, Birmingham – Best Told Story
  [www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/aston)

- BBC Tours, Birmingham – Best Told Story
  [www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham](http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham)

- Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham – Quality Food & Drink
  [www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag](http://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/bmag)

- Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham – Best Told Story
  [www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/jewellery](http://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