



ROCKLIFFE HALL NAMED NO.2 HOTEL GOLF RESORT IN UK AND VOTED BEST HOTEL IN THE NORTH EAST

Rockliffe Hall, in Hurworth, County Durham, has been named the number 2 hotel golf resort in the UK, by the country's leading hoteliers.

The Rockliffe resort, which earlier this year also picked up Large Hotel of the Year at the VisitEngland Awards, is also the highest ranking North East hotel to feature in the Hoteliers' Hotels Top 100.

Compiled by leading names in the hotel industry and verified by some of the nation's pre-eminent hotel experts, including hotel journalist Fiona Duncan (who recently visited Rockliffe and is now a big fan), Giovanna Grossi and fellow AA hotel inspectors, and senior editors at The Caterer, the full list was revealed at a glittering reception at London's Ham Yard hotel.

Amanda Afiya, editor of The Caterer, says: "Hoteliers know their industry, its pitfalls and opportunities best, so who better to ask when compiling a list of the top hotels in the UK? We're lucky to have so many wonderful hotels across UK and excited to be launching this list. There are, of course, many ways of ranking and evaluating hotels, but there's nothing quite as special as peer-group recognition."

Bronwyn de Cholewa, director for hotels at Sky, said: "These awards recognise the exceptional level of detail that goes in to ensuring every guest has a perfect stay. Congratulations to all of you that have been included in the Hoteliers Hotels Top 100 and to those who voted to create this most definitive list of the UK's greatest hotels".

Eamonn Elliott, Chief Executive at Rockliffe Hall, says: "We are thrilled to feature in this prestigious list. To be the highest ranking hotel in the North East and the second best hotel golf resort in the country, only behind Gleneagles, is a fabulous achievement for Rockliffe and everyone who works here."

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Boasting 61 sumptuous guestrooms and suites, three superb restaurants, an award-winning spa and 18-hole championship golf course, Rockliffe is the only AA-rated five red star resort in the North of England.

Rockliffe recently invested £1 million in a new Spa Garden to enhance the existing spa experience and has plans for further investment to enrich its services in 2016 and beyond.

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Editors' Notes

Awards and Accolades for Rockliffe Hall

The only hotel in the North to hold 5 AA red stars, the highest possible accolade
VisitEngland Large Hotel of the Year, Gold Award, 2015
No.2 Hotel Golf Resort and No.1 Hotel in the North East, Hoteliers' Hotels Top 100, 2016
3 AA Rosettes 2015-16 and Secret Diner Hotel Restaurant of the Year 2015, for The Orangery
59Club gold award for greenkeeping team
The Good Spa Guide 5 Bubble Luxury Award
A Sunday Times Top 100 Ultimate British Hotel
North East Hotels Association Excellence Awards 2016, Inspirational Leader Award and Community Award
Award of Excellence 2016, Booking.com
North East Tourism Awards, Large Hotel of the Year, 2015
59Club's Gold Flag Award 2015, 2014
VisitEngland Large Hotel of the Year Finalist 2015, 2014
Best Golf Resort in Europe, LeadingCourses.com, 2015
Best Spa for Sheer Luxury, Good Spa Guide November 2014
VisitEngland Silver Award for Business Tourism, 2013
Gold award for Business Tourism in the NE Tourism Awards, 2013
VisitEngland Large Hotel of the Year, Gold Award, 2012

About Rockliffe Hall

- Opened in November 2009, Rockliffe Hall is an AA-rated 5* leisure resort set within 375 acres on the banks of the River Tees just outside the village of Hurworth, County Durham.
- Rockliffe Hall offers 61 spacious guestrooms and suites; two bars; three restaurants including the flagship triple AA Rosette restaurant 'The Orangery', 'The Brasserie' and 'The Clubhouse'; 12 meeting and event rooms; an 18-hole championship golf course; and a 50,000 square foot, award-winning spa and wellness centre offering luxurious treatments, a Spa Garden and a 20 metre indoor swimming pool.
- Rockliffe Hall is five minutes from Darlington Railway Station and Durham-Tees Valley Airport, while Newcastle Airport is an hour away; From Darlington, it's a two and a half hour train journey to London and two hours by train to Edinburgh. The historic city of Durham is on the doorstep, as are Newcastle, York, Leeds and the Yorkshire Dales.

