



ROCKLIFFE HALL WINS TWO GOLDS AT NORTH EAST TOURISM AWARDS

Rockliffe Hall won two Golds at last night's North East England Tourism Awards.

The stunning five red star resort in Hurworth, near Darlington, was short-listed for Business Tourism Provider of the Year and Hotel of the Year, and walked away with the top prize for both categories.

It's the second year running that Rockliffe Hall has won Hotel of the Year at these awards, and last year the resort went on to win the title of VisitEngland's Large Hotel of the Year too.

The winners of this year's awards were announced at a glittering ceremony in Newcastle Civic Centre's Banqueting Hall on Tuesday 22nd November.

Alfie Joey, BBC Radio Newcastle breakfast show presenter, hosted the awards which were attended by around 350 guests.

Eamonn Elliott, Chief Executive at Rockliffe Hall, says: "We are delighted to have won gold for Hotel of the Year and Business Tourism Provider of the Year. Here at Rockliffe Hall we offer the ultimate experience for our guests, whether they're visiting us for business or pleasure, and we host a wide range of high profile events throughout the year, all in five star luxury."

Sarah Stewart, Chief Executive of NewcastleGateshead Initiative, which organised the event, said: "Many congratulations to all of this year's winners. It is always a delight to see so many businesses awarded for their commitment to the North East's tourism sector. The North East of England has a fantastic tourism offer, from the buzz and culture of our cities to the beautiful heritage of our coast and countryside. This is demonstrated by the variety of businesses that have entered and won the awards."

Winners at the regional awards have the chance to showcase their business and the North East on a national stage at the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence 2017.

David Hall, Head of Leisure, Strategy & Transformation at NWG said: "The calibre of all entries was first class and I was particularly impressed by the strength of innovation and excellence we have across the North East."

The North East England Tourism Awards are organised and delivered by NewcastleGateshead Initiative in partnership with the Northern Tourism Alliance.

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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
North East Tourism Awards, Hotel of the Year, 2016
North East Tourism Awards, Business Provider of the Year, 2016
The Good Spa Guide Best Spa for Luxury 2016 and 5 Bubble Luxury Award
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
VisitEngland Large Hotel of the Year, Gold Award, 2015
59Club gold award for greenkeeping team
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
Best Golf Resort in Europe, LeadingCourses.com, 2015
VisitEngland Silver Award for Business Tourism, 2013
Gold award for Business Tourism in the NE Tourism Awards, 2013

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.

