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## Search begins to find Yorkshire's Favourite Pub

Pubs across Yorkshire are hoping to pull in the votes as well as the pints as the search begins to find the county's most popular local.

Nominations are now open for this year's Yorkshire's Favourite Pub competition, run by Welcome to Yorkshire in partnership with the Yorkshire Post.

A staggering 18,000 people voted in last year's competition which saw The Bull Inn, in West Tanfield, crowned the county's favourite. Previous winners have also included The Fleece Inn, Barkisland, Woolly Sheep Inn, Skipton, and The Carpenter's Arms, Felixkirk.

Sir Gary Verity, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, said: "Here in Yorkshire, pubs are not only places to relax and enjoy great beer and incredible food - they're also a vital part of our communities and heritage.

"This competition is a fantastic way to recognise and celebrate Yorkshire pubs and the important role they play in our cities, towns and villages. So, whether it's cosy surroundings, real ale or a fantastic countryside view, we want to know what makes your local your favourite."

People have until Wednesday, May 17 to vote at [yorkshire.com/pub](http://yorkshire.com/pub)

A shortlist of the top 30 pubs will then be drawn up, all of which will feature in Welcome to Yorkshire's Ale Trail.

Twelve finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges, with the public getting the chance to vote for the overall winner.

The winning pub and two runners up will be announced at the Great Yorkshire Show on Tuesday, July 11.

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**Image: Yorkshire's Favourite Pub 2016 winner, Gil Richardson, owner of The Bull Inn, West Tanfield**

**Editors' Notes:**

- **Welcome to Yorkshire** is the official destination management organisation for Yorkshire, working to grow the county's visitor economy.
- **Welcome to Yorkshire** is a not-for-profit membership organisation, funded in part by grants, sponsorship and Welcome to Yorkshire members. All money raised is reinvested directly back into promoting Yorkshire.
- Key facts include:
  - Tourism in Yorkshire is worth £7 billion annually
  - The county's industry employs almost a quarter of a million people

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