

Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **Record number of finalists battle to become Yorkshire's Favourite Pub**

A record number of pubs are going head to head in the final of this year's Yorkshire's Favourite Pub competition - after the public nominated almost 800 for the top award.

The final line-up is the biggest it's ever been: for the 2018 competition - run by Welcome to Yorkshire in partnership with the Yorkshire Post - there are 18 pubs shortlisted.

Members of the public were invited to vote for their favourite pubs across Yorkshire and rose to the occasion – casting around 8,000 votes.

The nominated pubs – almost 800 – were whittled down to a shortlist which has now been revealed.

It includes two former winners – The Carpenters Arms in Felixkirk and Shibden Mill Inn in Halifax.

The shortlist also includes hopefuls from across all four corners of Yorkshire, including The Huntsman in Thurlstone, The Old Star in Kilham, Marine Bar in Bridlington and The Brown Cow in Bingley.

Voting is now open again so the public can pick their winner – and the pub with the most votes will be revealed at a special presentation at the Great Yorkshire Show on Tuesday, July 10th.

Every pub which makes it into the top 30 will be included in the Welcome to Yorkshire Ale Trail publication.

Sir Gary Verity DL, Chief Executive at Welcome to Yorkshire, said: "For another year we've had a huge response to our competition – record numbers of people have voted and shown their support for Yorkshire's fantastic pubs.

"It's also interesting that the voting has revealed a real renaissance in Yorkshire breweries.

"Good luck to all the finalists. To make it to the final when the public have nominated almost 800 pubs is a huge achievement. I look forward to finding out who the public has voted as the winner of this coveted title."

Vote for your favourite Yorkshire pub here: <https://www.yorkshire.com/pub>

## **The 18 finalists are:**

1. Golden Lion, Todmorden
2. Haworth Old Hall, Haworth
3. Marine Bar, Bridlington
4. The Brown Cow, Bingley
5. The Carpenters Arms, Felixkirk
6. The Coach and Horses, Harrogate
7. The Craven Arms, Appletreewick
8. The Dunkirk, Denby Dale
9. The Fairfax Arms, Gilling East
10. The Farmers Arms, Muker
11. The Fleece, Addingham
12. The Huntsman, Thurlstone
13. The Millers Bar, Brighouse
14. The Old Star, Kilham
15. The Plough Inn, Wombledon
16. The Shibden Mill Inn, Halifax
17. The Ship Inn, Sewerby
18. The Stubbing Wharf, Hebden Bridge

The annual contest was first launched in 2011 to help promote Yorkshire's amazing variety of pubs.

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### **1. YORKSHIRE'S FAVOURITE PUB WINNERS 2017, The White Swan in Ampleforth**

#### **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 £8 billion annually
  - The county's tourism and hospitality industry employs almost a quarter of a million people
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