

# Welcome to Yorkshire

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## **Welcome to Yorkshire Announce the Tourism Finalists for This Year's Prestigious White Rose Awards**

The shortlist for the 2020 White Rose Awards has been revealed with 92 finalists in the running to win one of the highly coveted trophies.

Welcome to Yorkshire's White Rose Awards ceremony is an annual, sensational celebration of Yorkshire's brilliant businesses and amazing attractions and is the largest tourism awards ceremony in the UK. This year plans are in place for an exciting night to remember, in-line with Government guidelines, following COVID-19.

2020 has been a tricky year for all and as we emerge from lockdown, following the coronavirus crisis, it's crucial that we showcase the county's vast variety of world-class offerings at this incredible event. Celebrating the very best in tourism and hospitality in Yorkshire, including food, drink, accommodation, attractions, arts and culture, the White Rose Awards are planned to take place towards the end of this year, with the exact date and venue to be announced soon.

### **Welcome to Yorkshire Chief Executive James Mason said:**

*"Huge congratulations to everyone who has made it onto this year's shortlist of finalists for the White Rose Awards. The ceremony is one of Welcome to Yorkshire's fantastic flagship events and it will be a real privilege to be able to honour the shining stars of Yorkshire tourism, particularly during such a tough year for all in this hardworking sector. Once again, competition has been tough, with exceptionally high standards, incredible innovation and many excellent examples of business brilliance demonstrated across the county. This will be a fabulous opportunity to promote and celebrate all that's great about Yorkshire. Good luck to everyone!"*

### **White Rose Awards Chair Elaine Lemm said:**

*"During a difficult year for so many, it's been such a positive experience for the White Rose Award's panel of prestigious industry-wide experts to see the excellent entries this year. The standard, has again, been incredibly impressive and has made choosing 2020 finalists pretty difficult. However, it's truly inspiring to see the range of fabulous venues and wonderful attractions out there, offering such high levels of service in this beautiful county. As always, it is easy to see why Yorkshire has an outstanding and continued reputation for top-class tourism and hospitality excellence."*

There are 17 categories in total for 2020 and the winner of each category will be ranked as gold, with the two runners up being rated silver and bronze.

## **WHITE ROSE AWARDS 2020 FINALISTS**

### **Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Award**

Cottage in the Dales  
JORVIK Viking Centre  
Leeds Playhouse  
Waleswood Caravan and Camping Park at Rother Valley Country Park

### **Arts & Culture Award**

Freedom Festival Arts Trust  
Harewood House Trust  
Huddersfield Literature Festival  
Hull Libraries (The Big Malarkey Festival)  
Kala Sangam  
Selby 950  
The Stephen Joseph Theatre  
Yorkshire Sculpture International

### **B&B and Guest House of the Year**

Brickfields Farm  
Cawthorne House  
Orchard Lodge

### **Business Events Venue of the Year**

Mercure Barnsley Tankersley Manor  
Mercure Sheffield Parkway  
The Grand, York  
Lakeside Conference Centre (part of York Biotech Campus)

### **Camping, Glamping and Holiday Park of the Year**

Brompton Lakes  
Catgill Farm - Camping and Luxury Glamping  
Cote Ghyll Holiday Park, Cottage and Mill  
High Oaks Grange  
Peaks and Pods  
The Private Hill  
Waleswood Caravan and Camping Park at Rother Valley Country Park  
Wigwam® Holidays Sedgewell Barn

### **Ethical, Responsible and Sustainable Tourism Award**

Bert's Barrow  
National Centre for Birds of Prey  
Rendezvous Hotel, Skipton  
Stillingfleet Lodge Gardens  
The Devonshire Arms Hotel & Spa

### **Experience of the Year**

Hotham's Gin School and Distillery  
Leeds Cookery School  
The Bloody Tour of York  
The Cookery School at The Grand, York  
Wensleydale Railway  
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**Large Hotel of the Year**

Grantley Hall  
The Coniston Hotel Country Estate & Spa  
The Grand, York  
The White Hart Hotel, Harrogate  
The Yorkshire Hotel

**Large Visitor Attraction of the Year**

Cannon Hall Farm  
Castle Howard  
Harewood House Trust  
JORVIK Viking Centre  
Wensleydale Creamery  
York Maze

**New Tourism Business Award**

Galtres Lodge Hotel & Forest Restaurant  
Grantley Hall  
The Bay Horse Inn – Goldsborough  
High Oaks Grange  
The Private Hill  
Waleswood Caravan and Camping Park at Rother Valley Country Park

**Producers and Makers Award**

Bullion  
Bert's Barrow  
Cryer & Stott Cheesemongers Ltd  
Masons Yorkshire Gin  
Rounton Coffee Roasters  
The Candied Peel Cake Co

**Pub of the Year**

The Black Bull, Moulton  
The Carpenter's Arms  
The Clarendon Country pub with rooms  
The Drovers Arms Restaurant & Country Pub  
The Millers Bar

**Self-catering Accommodation of the Year**

Broadgate Farm Cottages  
Cottage in the Dales  
Grand Get-Togethers  
High Oaks Grange  
Higher Scholes Cottage Holidays  
Holly House Farm

**Small Hotel of the Year**

Feversham Arms Hotel & Verbena Spa  
Galtres Lodge Hotel  
Goldsborough Hall  
Grays Court Hotel  
The Devonshire Fell  
The Traddock  
The Wensleydale Heifer

### **Small Visitor Attraction of the Year**

Bolton Castle  
Bradford Cathedral  
Ingleborough Cave & Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail  
Mother Shipton's  
Skipton Boat Trips  
Studfold Adventure Trail  
World of James Herriot

### **Taste of England – Casual Dining Award**

Devour at the Dyehouse  
Drewtons Farm Shop and Restaurant  
Forest Restaurant at Galtres lodge  
Quayside  
The Rattle Owl  
Wensleydale Creamery

### **Tourism Event Award**

Banana Kick & LeedsBid  
Bronte Bars & Events - The Gin Express Experience on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway  
Freedom Festival Arts Trust  
Hallowscream at York Maze  
Rhubarb Festival  
York Balloon Fiesta

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**For full White Rose Award details please visit:** <https://wra.yorkshire.com/>

#### **Images:**

- WRA 2020 logo - WRA 2019 Winners

#### **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 £9 billion annually
  - The county's tourism and hospitality industry employs almost 225 thousand people
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