



TOURISM EVENT OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Visit Dorset
 Gold: Dippy on Tour, Dorchester
 Silver: Chickerell Steam & Vintage Show

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO DORSET TOURISM

Sponsored by Saffery Champness
 The Team who brought Dippy to Dorset:
 Dorset County Museum &
 Jurassic Coast Trust (pictured here)

Dorset Tourism Awards 2018

A record 72 trophies in 27 categories were presented to tourism businesses from across the county at the 2018 Dorset Tourism Awards, held at Lighthouse Poole. This year's guest speaker was locally-based actor, comedian and impressionist Debra Stephenson who entertained the capacity audience with some of her most famous impressions before guests enjoyed a Dorset-inspired dinner from the multi-award-winning Beales Gourmet team.

Create at the Cove took Gold for the inaugural New Tourism Business category, with Tourism Innovation Gold going to Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum in Dorchester. The inaugural award for Responsible, Ethical and Sustainable

Tourism went to Bagwell Farm Touring Park. Dorset County Museum and the Jurassic Coast Trust who brought Dippy the diplodocus to Dorset won both Tourism Event of the Year and the Outstanding Contribution to Tourism award. Dougie Macandrew from Farmer Palmer's Farm Park was presented with the Outstanding Customer Service award.

The prestigious Winner of Winners trophy went to Dorset House bed and breakfast in Lyme Regis, who also picked up a Gold award for the third successive year. Dorset Tourism Award winners will go through to the South West Tourism Excellence Awards in February 2019. *Find out more at dorsettourismawards.org.uk.*



Nell Barrington and Robin Barker organisers of the Dorset Tourism Awards with Debra Stephenson

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...



BUSINESS TOURISM AND VENUE AWARD

Sponsored by Soundview

Gold: The Italian Villa, Poole

Silver: Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts

Bronze: Upton Country Park, Poole



B&B AND GUESTHOUSE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Goadsby

Gold: Dorset House, Lyme Regis

(also awarded **Winner of Winners for 2018**

sponsored by Dorset LEP)

Silver: Home Farm House, Wimborne St Giles

Bronze: Swallows Rest B&B, Weymouth

Highly Commended: Swanage Haven 5* Boutique B&B



CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERSTAR AWARD

Sponsored by Bournemouth Water Services

Dougie Macandrew of

Farmer Palmer's Farm Park



LARGE ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Resort Dorset

Joint Gold: RockReef and PierZip on Bournemouth Pier (left)

Swanage Railway (right)



TOURISM PUB OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Porter Dodson

Gold: Acorn Inn, Evershot



TOURISM INNOVATION AND NEW BUSINESS AWARD

Sponsored by NatWest Business Banking

Gold Tourism Innovation: Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum, Dorchester (left)

Gold New Business: Create at the Cove, West Lulworth (right)



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GLAMPING AND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by A Head for PR

- Gold: Bournemouth Beach Lodges
- Silver: Dorset Forest Garden Glamping, Beaminster
- Bronze: Green Valley Yurts Ltd, Dorchester



RESPONSIBLE ETHICAL AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARD

Sponsored by Quality in Tourism

- Gold: Bagwell Farm Touring Park, Weymouth
- Silver: The Alexandra Hotel & Restaurant, Lyme Regis
- Bronze: Acorn Inn, Evershot
- Highly Commended: The Grange at Osborne, Sherborne



GUIDED TOUR OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Porter Dodson

- Gold: Jurassic Coast Guides
- Silver: RNLI College, Poole
- Bronze: West Bay Canoes



LEARNING EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Insight6

- Gold: Lulworth Outdoors
- Silver: Create at the Cove, West Lulworth
- Bronze: Burngate Stone Carving Centre, Swanage



SELF CATERING ACCOMMODATION OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by NFU Mutual

- Gold: Dove House & Swallows, Dorchester
- Silver: Burnbake Forest Lodges, Corfe Castle
- Joint Bronze: National Trust Portland House, Weymouth/ Nutley Farm, Dorchester



SMALL HOTEL/BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATION OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Clockwork

Gold: The Alexandra Hotel & Restaurant, Lyme Regis

Silver: The Grange at Osborne, Sherborne

Joint Bronze: The Grosvenor Arms, Shaftesbury/
The Lord Bute, Highcliffe



HOLIDAY PARK AND VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Hoseasons

Gold: Rockley Park, Poole

Silver: Highlands End Holiday Park, Bridport

Bronze: Oakdene Forest Park, St Leonards



SMALL ATTRACTION OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by

Moors Valley Country Park

Gold: Dorset Heavy Horse Farm Park,
Verwood

Silver: Shire Hall Historic Courthouse
Museum, Dorchester

Bronze: Compton Acres, Poole



CAFÉ/TEAROOM OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Dorset Food & Drink

Gold: Compton Acres Café
and Tea Rooms, Poole

Silver: Bearkat Bistro/Café, Bridport

Bronze: Season's Restaurant, Ringwood



LARGE HOTEL OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by NFU Mutual

Gold: Christchurch Harbour Hotel

Silver: RNLI College, Poole

Bronze: Moonfleet Manor Hotel,
Weymouth



SPA, PAMPERING AND WELLBEING EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Taurus Energy

Gold: Mellulah Therapy & Yoga Retreats,
Milton Abbas

Silver: Purbeck Holistic Therapy, Swanage



VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICE

Sponsored by The Italian Villa

Gold: Bridport Tourist Information Centre

Silver: Swanage Information Centre

Bronze: Discover Purbeck
Tourist Information Centre



DOG FRIENDLY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Dog Friendly Dorset

Gold: South Lytchett Manor Caravan
and Camping Park

Silver: Golden Acre Holiday Bungalows, Bridport

Bronze: Upton Country Park, Poole

Highly Commended: Bournemouth Beach Lodges



ACTIVE AND SPORTING EXPERIENCE AWARD

Sponsored by Dorset Tourism Association
Gold: Moors Valley Go Ape! Ringwood
Silver: RockReef and PierZip on Bournemouth Pier
Bronze: Weymouth Bay RIB Charter



RESTAURANT/BISTRO OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Conker Gin
Gold: The Jetty, Christchurch Harbour Hotel
Silver: The Dorset Burger Company, Weymouth
Joint Bronze: Crab House Café, Weymouth/ Neo Restaurant, Bournemouth



INTERNATIONAL VISITOR EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Brittany Ferries
Gold: Portland Port Ltd
Silver: Sherborne Castle and Gardens



ACCESS AND INCLUSIVITY AWARD

Sponsored by Purple Cloud
Gold: The Italian Villa, Poole
Silver: Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum, Dorchester
Bronze: Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre, Wareham



TOURING CAMPING AND CARAVANNING PARK OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Piddle Brewery and The Real Cure
Gold: South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park
Silver: Monkton Wyld Caravan Park
Joint Bronze: East Fleet Farm, Chickerell/
Wood Farm Caravan Park, Charmouth