



The South West Coast Path between Pencarrow Head and Lansallos Cove in Cornwall

## Outstanding Organisation Contribution

# Conserving and enhancing South West's landscapes

This award-winner is probably the main reason why the South West is the UK's number one tourist destination.

The region's wonderful and diverse landscape is a huge draw, but there is no charge for admission.

South West Protected Landscapes is the umbrella body for the most prized places of natural beauty in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, the Isles of Scilly, Somerset and Wiltshire.

"Every single business in this room and every single person who lives in this beautiful region benefits from what this award winner brings to the South West," said the awards night host, Victoria Graham.

"The teams that work at this brilliant award winner range from volunteers to experts who run manager the assets. I have been privileged to have worked with them at close quarters and know also the pressures that they are under.

"Tourism in the South West, would

like to recognise the 'Outstanding Contribution to Tourism' that the Protected Landscapes, make that enables us to deliver such wonderful, and varied visitor experiences for our guests."

The award was collected jointly by representatives from Exmoor and Dartmoor National Parks, the Geoparks, the World Heritage site, the Jurassic Coast, the South West's 12 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the South West Coast Path.

South West Protected Landscapes acts as a link between the separately-run areas to assist them with:

- Sharing knowledge and experience.
- Promoting learning.
- Developing skills.
- Co-ordination and joint working.
- Strategic planning and promotion.

South West Coast Path, England's longest National Trail at 630 miles, alone brings in hundreds of millions of pounds into the region's economy each year.

## Luxury and service across the region bring home the prizes

### BED AND BREAKFAST OF THE YEAR

Gold in the Bed and Breakfast category went to The 25 Boutique B&B, Torquay.

Owners Andy and Julian Banner-Price set up the quirky six-roomed business after heading to Devon following a seven-year stint running a successful country house hotel in Wales.

A major refurbishment in 2015, and further work in 2016/17 has given the grown-ups establishment lots of luxury and bold, fun styling.

Higher Gitcombe Boutique B&B, in an Arts and Crafts country house in Cornworthy, near Totnes, both received silver. Wadebridge Bed and Breakfast, an eco-friendly offering in the Cornish town, won bronze.

### SMALL/BOUQUET HOTEL

The Hell Bay Hotel in the Isles of Scilly took home the gold award as Small/Boutique Hotel of the Year.

The four-star retreat with three AA rosettes is on Bryher, overlooking a cove that faces the Atlantic Ocean, Hell Bay is heaven for families and couples.

Expect a friendly and private

oasis to relax and spend quality time together and to enjoy the wild, natural delights of Bryher and the other islands of Scilly.

Bronze went to the Cary Arms & Spa, Babbacombe, Torquay.

### LARGE HOTEL OF THE YEAR

In the Large Hotel category Bovey Castle, on Dartmoor, and the Salcombe Harbour Hotel & Spar, in South Devon both received silver.

Carbis Hotel, Spa and Estate, on the south coast of Cornwall, took the bronze award.

### SELF-CATERING HOLIDAY PROVIDER

Westward Living, a family-run business located on the North Devon Coastline, was award gold.

Owners Kathy and Chris live on site with their three young sons, horses and their dog, Raffles.

Their collection of luxurious cottages is set within 60 acres of private grounds, a five-minute walk from the South West Coast Path, which leads to the sandy beach at Westward Ho!.

Mullion Cove Luxury Harbour Apartments on the Lizard in



The Hell Bay Hotel on Bryher in the Isles of Scilly

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Old Barn,  
Tregonetha

Cornwall won the silver prize. Bronze was won by Aish Cross Holiday Cottages in Stoke Gabriel in Devon's South Hams.

### SELF-CATERING HOLIDAY PROPERTY

Cornwall took the top prize, Devon collected two awards and Somerset also weighed in here.

Gold went to Old Barn, Tregonetha, between Padstow and Newquay. The stylish eco-friendly conversion of a 250-year-old barn boasts two electric car-charging points.

The barn has three bedrooms, two bedrooms, an electric Aga, a long list of "tech" – and a regularly tuned quality piano.

The accommodation is dog-friendly and the owners say the policy "is to be open and welcoming to all, matched with a high level of support and customer service".

Salad Days, Dunster, took silver for Somerset.

Oversteps House, Salcombe, in South Devon, and The Milkshed, in the east of the county, both won bronze awards.