

# BUSINESS FEATURE

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# And the nominees

ORGANISERS of this year's Bournemouth Tourism Awards have reported a record number of entries. The event celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and semi-finalists gathered to receive their certificate.

Hundreds of nominations and entries were received ahead of the closing date at midnight on Monday, January 11, and thousands of votes were received for the four new voting categories.

The awards celebrate the successes and achievements and are open to any business which has been trading for 12 months or more, based in the BH1 to BH11 post code areas, or a business which has an impact on tourism in Bournemouth.

Des Simmons, chair of the Bournemouth Tourism Management Board and managing director of Bournemouth Ltd, said: "We are delighted with the response to this year's awards.

"For the first time we have four new voting categories, which are nominated and voted for by the public. They have been an exciting addition and have been very well received."

The semi-finalists were all invited to receive their framed certificates at Canvas Bournemouth in front of a buzzing crowd of two hundred peers, sponsors and partners.

The finals will be held at Bournemouth's Pavilion Theatre on Thursday, February 25, 6.30-11.30pm.



**SHORTLISTED:** Semi-finalists for the Creative Concept Award sponsored by the Daily Echo in the Bournemouth Tourism Awards

## THE TRANSPORT DELIVERY AWARD SPONSORED BY P1 POWERBOATS

- Morebus
- Indigo Travel
- Swanage Railway
- Getting About
- Discover Dorset
- Michael White
- Yellow Buses

## THE SPECIALIST DINING EXPERIENCE SPONSORED BY HALLMARK HOTELS

- The Larder House
- West Beach
- The Arbour Restaurant – Greenhouse Hotel
- Ventana Grand Café
- The Highcliffe Grill
- BH Live
- Koh Lounge
- Zoukinis
- The Crab
- The Bournemouth Steak House
- Restaurant Hops
- Nativ

## THE RETAIL EXPERIENCE AWARD SPONSORED BY THE COASTAL BID

- Fab Frocks
- All Fired Up Ceramics
- Steamer Trading Cook Shop
- Geo. A. Payne and Son Jewellers
- Nellie Mimosa
- Brownen Road Garage
- Camden Bar
- Bo Concept
- Aphrodite
- Beau Bijou

## THE GREAT TIME OUT – SPONSORED BY SOUTH COAST WINDOWS

- Swanage Railway
- Rock Reef and Pier Zip
- SosBA
- All Fired Up
- Koh Lounge
- The Oceanarium



**SHORTLISTED:** Semi-finalists for the Great Time Out Award sponsored by South Coast Windows in the Bournemouth Tourism Awards



**SHORTLISTED:** Semi-finalists for the Family Eating Out Experience sponsored by the Town Centre BID in the Bournemouth Tourism Awards

The semi-finalists of this year's Bournemouth Tourism Awards have been announced... **Darren Slade** takes a look at the 2016 nominees



**SHORTLISTED:** Semi-finalists for the Specialist Dining Experience award sponsored by Hallmark Hotels in the Bournemouth Tourism Awards

- Chaplins Cellar Bar
- Michael White

## THE FAMILY EATING OUT EXPERIENCE – SPONSORED BY THE TOWN CENTRE BID

- La Gondola
- Key West
- Del Marco's
- Nativ
- Urban Reef
- Ask
- Chez Fred
- Quarters

- Binnies Café
- Pinocchio

## BOURNEMOUTH'S BEST NIGHT OUT – SPONSORED BY HEINEKEN

- The Navy Blue Party – The Miramar Hotel
- BarSo and 1812
- The Cumberland Hotel
- The Winchester
- Coastal Comedy
- The Wight Bear Alehouse
- Smokin Aces



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- The Firkin Shed
- Ice SKATE Bournemouth
- Aruba

## THE CREATIVE CONCEPT – SPONSORED BY THE DAILY ECHO

- Big Love from Bournemouth
- Morebus
- Yellow Buses
- Waveslider Photography
- All Fired Up Ceramics
- BEAF
- Gem Freeman Jewellery