

North East pub wins award for best UK pint

A NORTH East bar is raising a glass to celebrate being voted the Pub with the Best Pint.

The City Tavern on Northumberland Road, Newcastle, beat off competition from more than 1,000 pubs across the UK to take the honour in the Star Pubs and Bars awards organised by Heineken.

The pub is run by North East entrepreneur David King who has been behind some of the region's most innovative watering holes.

David took over The City Tavern, widely recognised for its Tudor-style façade, early in 2014 and it then underwent a £450,000 refurbishment.

It was David's commitment to producing the perfect pint which landed him the fiercely contested award, with the pub's beer judged against stringent criteria including taste, smell and temperature, along with staff knowledge and service.

Judges were also impressed with the fact the bar offered 10 cask ales and ciders as well as three house ales, which were brewed exclusively for The City Tavern.

David said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won this award, which is acknowledgement of the commitment

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"We pride ourselves on giving customers a great experience and for that to be recognised in the face of so much competition from around the UK is fantastic, not just for us but for the region."

David received the award at a gala celebration night in Liverpool from celebrity chef Simon Rimmer, where he was also recognised as a finalist in two other categories for best-trained staff and best retailer.

Star Pubs and Bars trading director Chris Jowsey added: "The hallmark of a great pub is a great pint and the City Tavern serves one of the best in the country with beers to satisfy all palates, delivery and standards that are second to none and staff that clearly care."

This is not the first time The City Tavern has enjoyed victory in these awards, having last year taken the title of Retailer of the Year.



➤ The City Tavern, on Northumberland Road, Newcastle