



RAISING A GLASS TO CITY TAVERN...

City Tavern is a pub that's been a unique part of the Newcastle landscape for many years, a city centre watering hole which stands out because of its unusual look.

It's virtually impossible to miss the City Tavern at Northumberland Road, as it is such a contrast to everything else around it.

The Tudor façade of this landmark pub has made it a talking point for decades, created in 1923 when it was opened as a dairy.

The site's history stretches back much further however, to 1872 when it was originally created as stables.

City Tavern has had a number of incarnations over the years; as a restaurant and a café before becoming a bar.

The years took their toll on the venue however, with it becoming rundown and generally unloved.

Its saviour came in the form of North East entrepreneur David King and his Bar Hound organisation, who realised the potential that lurked beneath the surface.

David is no stranger to the pub and bar trade, having previously been involved in the creation of some of Tyneside's most imaginative bars and clubs.

Years spent designing interiors for leisure outlets around the country also meant that David had an eye for giving City Tavern the makeover it needed, but still maintaining the integrity and history of the building.

Two years and £450,000 later and City Tavern has regained its rightful place in the North East pub scene, along with having a national profile.

Last year it beat more than 1000 pubs across the country to take the accolade of Pub With The Best Pint in the Star Pubs & Bars awards, confirmation that David and his team are committed to providing visitors with the best experience.

While the outside façade remains virtually untouched, the inside has been transformed to a comfortable, stylish drinking spot which still retains many of the original features.

Along with a strong commitment to providing world class ales, the pub now also offers a menu packed solidly with comfort food favourites, with variations available to suit the time of day.

For those who know their beer this really is a drinkers' paradise with 10 cask ales and ciders available, plus three specially created house ales that are only available at City Tavern.

The pub is also a haven for dog owners, with four legged friends always welcome and with their own special menu.

"We have Irish terriers and their image appears on our logo," said David.

"We are always happy for people to bring their dogs into the pub and we even have had other Irish terrier owners from all over the country come to City Tavern to see ours."

David set out to create a friendly, welcoming, country style pub in the heart of Newcastle and that's exactly what's been created.

At the same time it's upper level – which has its own outside terrace – is perfectly suited for small events and weddings, particularly for anyone looking for a central location which is just that bit different.

"We're delighted with the response we get when people come here for the first time," said David.

"It's just a very unusual, comfortable and friendly pub which is a great place to visit for anyone spending any time in Newcastle city centre."



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