

CHEWTON GLEN

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Chewton Glen voted Best Rural Hotel of the Year by Food and Travel

*The Food and Travel Reader Awards celebrate the very best
from the worlds of food, drink and travel*

Hampshire, UK (November 2023): [Chewton Glen](#), the quintessentially English, Relais & Châteaux-accredited luxury hotel and spa on the edge of the enchanting New Forest is delighted to have been named 'Rural Hotel of the Year' in the 2023 Food and Travel Readers Awards. Food and Travel magazine is the world's leading gastronomic travel title with a 25-year heritage, and the publication's coveted Reader Awards aim to impartially identify the very best in the business - solely relying on real guests voting on behalf of a property they love. Hundreds of hotels are voted for each year making the win even more special for [Iconic Luxury Hotels'](#) Chewton Glen.

Commenting on the award, Andrew Stembridge, Executive Director of Iconic Luxury Hotels said: "It is wonderful to see Chewton Glen scooping this top award again, especially when it was up against an exceptionally strong shortlist, including several new additions to the increasingly competitive country house scene. Chewton Glen's ever evolving offer, brilliant team and consistent delivery continue to appeal to our both loyal regulars and new guests alike and we are extremely grateful for their votes and ongoing support".

Speaking today, Chewton Glen's General Manager Clive McNish says: "We are honoured to be recognised as Food & Travel's 2023 Rural Hotel of the Year. A big thank you to all our guests who took the time to vote for us to receive this prestigious accolade, and congratulations to all our fellow colleagues working in the hospitality industry, who continue to create wonderful experiences for their guests. At Chewton Glen, we are incredibly proud of our culinary heritage, and we continue to offer a countryside escape like no other. However, none of this would be possible without the hard work of our incredible hotel team and I would also like to pay a special tribute to our *Executive Head Chef Luke Matthews, who celebrates his 30-year anniversary leading our outstanding kitchen brigade at Chewton Glen this year!*"

Set in 130 acres of Hampshire countryside and just minutes from Highcliffe Beach, Chewton Glen is an idyllic escape: a true English original offering the perfect combination of country and coast. The family-friendly property is home to two award-winning restaurants, an immersive cookery school and expansive kitchen garden - all recognised in this prestigious Food & Travel accolade - alongside a world-class spa, creative Kids Club and luxurious accommodation including its iconic Treehouses.

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About Chewton Glen

Chewton Glen is a five-star privately-owned luxury country house hotel, located on the edge of the ancient New Forest National Park in Hampshire and just a few minutes' walk from the sea. A member of Relais & Châteaux, this family-friendly resort features an award-winning restaurant, world-class spa and leisure activities, luxurious accommodation and modern meeting facilities and a Children's Club. The hotel has 72 individually designed bedrooms and suites including 14 tree-house suites, a nine-hole par three golf course, croquet lawn, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a spa which has been voted the best in Europe and a purpose-built cookery school and informal restaurant opened in association with James Martin.

About Iconic Luxury Hotels

Iconic Luxury Hotels was founded in December 2016 and is part of L+R Hotels (landrhotels.com) - a highly motivated family-owned global hotel investment and management company - who have an extensive portfolio of over 105 hotels, with approximately 21,000 bedrooms. Iconic Luxury Hotels is an expanding collection with an international focus. The collection comprises an eclectic array of properties each of which celebrates distinct architecture, cultural heritage, and natural surroundings.

Each property has its own character, traditions, and stories but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences. The current portfolio includes some of the world's most famous hotels from Cliveden House, one of England's finest country estates, to the Hotel Excelsior in Italy which is the home of the Venice International Film Festival. The other UK hotels are comprised of Chewton Glen an English estate on the South Coast, The Lygon Arms a 14th Century Coaching Inn in the Cotswolds, 11 Cadogan Gardens in Chelsea, one of London's most prestigious residential areas, The Mayfair Townhouse, London and the latest edition to the Collection, The Chelsea Townhouse which opened its doors in September 2023.