

St Albans Food & Drink Festival 2011 – Voting and Judging

Award Categories

Best Bar	Best Pub	Best Restaurant	Best Café / Coffee Shop
Most Family Friendly	Local Gem	Local Producer	Kate D'Arcy Award

Nominations

- Nominations are open from 1st to 31st August.
- You can nominate as many places as you like, but you only need to nominate somewhere once. It doesn't matter how many nominations a business receives, as every nominee will be considered for the shortlist. You can nominate another business or your own business.
- All nominees will be sent a form asking why they should win and how they fit the criteria. This form will be part of the short-listing so it's important to return it but not essential.
- After nominations close, there will be a committee meeting. Final nominations will come from this. Five or six nominees will be shortlisted per category.

Local Gem – This is for businesses that are unique to St Albans, or don't fit into one of the other categories. Nominations for restaurants, bars, pubs and cafés will be removed from that category and placed in the appropriate category.

Local Producers – This award is for those who produce raw ingredients e.g. meat, dairy, and / or make products that include their raw ingredients.

Voting

- Voting runs from 15th to 30th September 2011. You can vote once per validated email address.
- There will also be a judges visit to all the shortlisted businesses. We are looking for all nominees to show:
 - o Customer service – prompt service, friendly staff
 - o Food – varied menu, quality ingredients, value for money
 - o Drinks – range of drinks, quality of beers, wines, cocktails, non-alcoholic range and price
 - o Sustainability – Evidence of local/sustainable sourcing, recycling etc.
 - o Environment – Nice ambience and decoration, cleanliness
 - o Amenities / Facilities - Disabled access, local usage and community involvement.

Awards

- The awards will be presented at a ceremony on Thursday 6th October