



CAMRA HALIFAX AND CALDERDALE - AWARDS

This section explains the systems used by CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale when selecting pubs/clubs for awards and for presenting these awards and is sub-divided into three main sections. The first section includes the criteria for selecting award winning pubs/clubs and is mainly based on National CAMRA documents, the second section comments on CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale's selection procedures and time schedules and third section lists the Branch's award winners over recent years.

SECTION 1: SELECTING PUBS AND CLUBS FOR AWARDS (NATIONAL CAMRA GUIDELINES).

Pubs/clubs that win awards don't have to be picture postcard, unspoilt gems. Pubs/clubs of all sizes, types and locations are considered if they serve real ale. Below is a checklist (based on National Guidelines) which provides guidance on the things we look for when presenting awards, but not all criteria have to be met by pubs/clubs to win awards.

CATEGORY 1 – THE QUALITY OF REAL ALE/CIDER/PERRY

- Is the real ale, cider and/or perry sold of excellent quality and is the quality consistently high?

CATEGORY 2 – STYLE, DÉCOR, FURNISHING AND CLEANLINESS

- Does the pub/club provide a comfortable, pleasant and safe environment throughout?
- Is the pub's/club's environment clean? Are glasses clean? • Are toilets hygienic and clean with hot water? Are there suitable hand drying facilities etc?
- Is décor and furnishing appropriate to the style of pub/club and in good order?

CATEGORY 3 – SERVICE, WELCOME AND OFFERING

- Is service welcoming, friendly, polite and also prompt whenever possible?
- If a pub/club is busy, is a friendly acknowledgement of your presence given?
- Are you treated as a valued customer and made to feel at ease?
- Are staff knowledgeable about the products they sell and do they enthusiastically promote real ale (and cider and perry if applicable)?
- Do staff know how to pick up and hold a customer's glass?
- Are products from local producers offered?
- Does the pub/club cater for all members of society?
- Within its limitations, does the pub/club offer other products/services which may enhance a visit such as good quality soft drinks, food, Wi-Fi etc.?



CATEGORY 4 – COMMUNITY FOCUS AND ATMOSPHERE

- Does the pub/club seem to have regular customers (e.g. Do the bar staff recognise some people by name)?
- Does the pub/club support local activities, such as sports teams and local community groups?
- Does the pub/club provide information on the local area for locals and visitors to use?
- Does the pub /club have a friendly atmosphere?
- Considering the time and day of the week, is the pub/club busy enough to create a good atmosphere?

CATEGORY 5 – ALIGNMENT WITH CAMRA PRINCIPLES

- Are prices and opening hours clearly displayed?
- Does the pub/club provide a full measure or a top up without asking?
- Does the pub/club use oversized glasses?
- Is real ale (cider and perry where applicable) promoted in a positive way?
- Does the pub/club try to stimulate interest in CAMRA issues?
- Where possible, does the pub/club serve a range of styles and strengths of real ale? (Where applicable, the range of ciders and perries should be taken into consideration).

It should be noted that it is better for a pub/club to sell a smaller range of products to maintain quality if that is what suits their trade.

CATEGORY 6 – OTHER FACTORS

- Is the pub/club an enjoyable place to be?
- Depending on the style of pub/club and its location, does the pub/club provide reasonable value for money. (CAMRA discounts should not influence this)

SECTION 2: CAMRA HALIFAX & CALDERDALE PUB/CLUB AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES

During the course of a year, CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale present numerous awards including: - the Pub of the Year (POTY), Highly Commended in the Pub of the Year Awards, the Cider Pub of the Year (CPOTY), the Club of the Year (COTY) and Pubs of the Season (POTS) which are presented four times a year. The Branch also presents Highly Commended Club of the Year Awards and Cider Pub of the Year Awards when it is considered appropriate. Additionally, occasional discretionary awards to an individual or



business are presented when it is considered that a pub/club or individual has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of real ale/cider/perry.

All award winners receive a framed CAMRA certificate, and the Pub of the Year, Club of the Year, Cider Pub of the Year and Pub of the Season winners also received a CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale banner (specific to the award won) to display either inside or outside their establishment for the period of their award. Articles on the award winners are placed on the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale social media sites and on the website and the Branch submits press reports for external publication.

Pub of the Year

The Pub of the Year is chosen from amongst the top scoring GBG pubs in the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale area. Although national guidelines for scoring the national POTY award are taken into consideration, it is the decision of CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale members as to which pub is most deserving of the Pub of the Year award and of all other local awards.

From 2019 onwards, it has been decided that the previous year's Pub of the Year winner can receive the award the following year if it is voted for by members; this means that it is possible for the same pub to receive the award for two or more years in succession should it receive the highest number of member votes in the final vote.

Highly Commended Certificates were first presented in 2017 and are awarded to those pubs that reach the final of the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale's Pub of the Year Competition, but do not acquire enough votes to win the Pub of the Year award. The runner up in the voting for Pub of the Year automatically receives a Highly Commended Certificate. Then the remaining pubs from the POTY vote are voted on individually by the members at the same meeting to determine if they receive a highly commended Certificate, those achieving 6 votes are awarded this Certificate. The number of Highly Commended Certificates presented varies from year to year depending on the number of finalists in the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale Pub of the Year Competition.

Cider Pub of the Year

The Cider Pub of the Year award is presented once a year. The winning pub must provide real cider or perry conforming to CAMRA's real cider/perry definition and cider/perry must be available all year round. Procedures followed are identical to those used when voting for the Pub of the Year.

Club of the Year

The Club Pub of the Year award is presented once a year. Procedures followed are identical to those used when voting for the Pub of the Year.



Pub of the Season

This is awarded to a pub **or club**, from within the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale Branch area, four times a year in summer, autumn, winter, and spring.

A pub or club must have been on the Watching List for at least three month **and not previously received a branch award under the same management** to be nominated for the award.

Pub of the Season can be awarded to the licensee(s) of a pub that is “up and coming” and has recently improved the availability, quality or choice of real ale in their pub, or has done the most to further the cause of CAMRA/real **ale or has introduced Real Ale to a new area or market where none has been previously available.**

Alternately it can be awarded to a Pub or club? within the CAMRA Halifax and Calderdale Branch area that has served quality real ale (and/or real cider) for a period of time but has never received branch award recognition.

Nominating and voting for award winning pubs/clubs. (all awards)

Initially a shortlist of pubs is produced for each award. In order for a pub to be placed on the shortlist, it has to be nominated by a member and then seconded by at least one other. At a later meeting voting takes place and the pubs on the shortlist are considered one by one. The voting procedure used is very precise, comprehensive and time consuming and has been designed to ensure that a fair and just result is obtained. All members attending the voting meeting are encouraged to vote and members who are unable to attend are encouraged to vote in advance by proxy. Nominations for the shortlist are also received by email. Voting is undertaken in a number of rounds where there isn't a clear majority for a winner. After the voting has been completed the pub/club(s) scoring the lowest number of votes and zero votes are eliminated and the remaining pubs voted on in the next round and so on until two remain and the final winner determined. Members can change their votes in each round at they feel fit or if their selection in eliminated from the voting.

Time Schedules for Awards Pub of the Year

- Nominations by the February Branch Meeting
- Voting at the March Branch Meeting
- Presentation of the award on the last Wednesday in April **Club of the Year**
- Nominations by the February Branch Meeting
- Voting at the March Branch Meeting
- Presentation of the award at some time in May



Cider Pub of the Year

- Nominations by the February Branch Meeting
- Voting at the March Branch Meeting
- Presentation of the award at some time in May

Pub of the Season

- Winter -nominate at the Oct Branch meeting vote Nov Present last Wednesday in Dec • Spring-nominate at the Jan Branch meeting vote Feb Present last Wednesday in March • Summer-nominate at the April Branch meeting vote May Present last Wednesday in June
- Autumn-nominate at the July Branch meeting vote Aug Present last Wednesday in September

Presentation of Awards

- It is the responsibility of the Awards co-ordinator to order the Highly Commended Certificates from CAMRA HQ at the same time as the Pub of the Year certificate is ordered.
- The Pub of the Year award should always be made before the award of Highly Commended certificates.
- Highly Commended pubs will receive an official CAMRA Certificate but will not receive a banner.
- The Highly Commended certificate presentations will be a lot less formal than the Pub of the Year presentation and the dates will not be included in the Branch Diary. This is to ensure that the Branch Diary does not become even more crowded.
- It will be the responsibility of the Awards co-ordinator to arrange the presentation dates/times with the victorious landlord. This will be arranged at least one week in advance. The Awards Co-Ordinator will then email active members to inform them of the day/date/time/place of a presentation so that they can attend if they wish to do so. Nonactive members could also be invited, but we currently do not have a Communications Officer.
- The presentation will not be a long-winded affair and will not include long speeches. The Certificate Orderer will explain the rational behind the certificate and the reasons why the pub has been awarded the Highly Commended certificate and will hand over the award. The Certificate Orderer will delegate this responsibility to any other member who attends the presentation and wishes to present the award.
- The presentation will be photographed so that photographs can be included on the website/Twitter/Facebook. It is not necessary to include the person presenting the



certificate on the photograph, a photograph of the landlord and his/her staff with the certificate will be sufficient.

- The caption to accompany the photographs on the website/Twitter/Facebook will be written by either the Certificate Orderer, the Media Manager or anyone else who volunteers to do this.

SECTION 3: CAMRA HALIFAX & CALDERDALE AWARD WINNERS OVER RECENT YEARS PUB OF THE YEAR

2000	Three Pigeons, Halifax
2001	Barge and Barrel, Elland
2002	Three Pigeons, Halifax
2003	Big 6, King Cross
2004	Fox and Goose, Hebden Bridge
2005	Red Rooster, Brookfoot
2006	Fox and Goose, Hebden Bridge
2007	Red Rooster, Brookfoot
2008	Shepherds Rest, Sowerby Bridge
2009	Moyles, Hebden Bridge
2010	Old Ship, Brighouse
2011	Red Rooster, Brookfoot
2012	Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, Sowerby Bridge
2014	The Cross Keys, Siddal
2015	The Three Pigeons, Halifax
2016	The Firehouse, Sowerby Bridge
2017	The Cross Keys, Siddal
2018	The Victorian Craft Beer Café, Halifax Town Centre
2019	The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge
2020	The Market Tavern, Brighouse
2021	Not Awarded - COVID
2022	The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge
2023	The Cross Keys, Siddal
2024	The Victorian Craft Beer Cafe, Halifax
2025	The Cross Keys, Siddal

HIGHLY COMMENDED IN THE PUB OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

2017

The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge
The Victorian Craft Beer Café, Halifax Town Centre



2018

Calan's Micropub, Hebden Bridge
The Cross Keys, Siddal
The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge
The Market Tavern, Brighouse

2019

The Cross Keys, Siddal
The Grayston Unity, Halifax Town Centre
The Market Tavern, Brighouse

2020

The Cross Keys, Siddal
The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge
The Grayston Unity, Halifax Town Centre
The Pub, Todmorden
The Three Pigeons, Halifax
The Victorian Craft Beer Café, Halifax Town Centre

CLUB OF THE YEAR

2016 The Trades Club, Hebden Bridge
2017 The Halifax Catholic Memorial Club, Halifax Town Centre
2018 Not awarded
2019 Midgehole Working Men's Club (aka The Blue Pig), Midgehole, Hebden Bridge
2020 Midgehole Working Men's Club (aka The Blue Pig), Midgehole, Hebden Bridge
2021 Not Awarded - COVID
2023 Greetland Social Club
2024 Barkisland Cricket Club
2025 Barkisland Cricket Club

HIGHLY COMMENDED IN THE CLUB OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

2019

Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Bowling Club, Hipperholme.
Wadsworth Community Centre, Wadsworth

2020

Hipperholme and Lightcliffe Bowling Club, Hipperholme.



Wadsworth Community Centre, Wadsworth

2024

Greetland Social Club

CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR

2019 Calan's Micropub, Hebden Bridge

2020 Not Awarded

2021 Not Awarded - COVID

2023 Fox and Goose, Hebden Bridge

2024 Nan Moor's, Todmorden **2025** Nan Moor's, Todmorden

HIGHLY COMMENDED IN THE CIDER PUB OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

2019

The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge

The Market Tavern, Brighouse

PUB OF THE SEASON

2000 Summer Butchers Arms, Ripponden

2000/01 Winter Druids Arms, Halifax

2001 Summer Pump Room, Halifax

2001/02 Winter Windmill, Northowram

2002 Summer Commercial, Skircoat Green

2002/03 Winter Running Man, Halifax

2003 Summer Red Rooster, Brookfoot

2003/04 Winter Drop Inn, Elland

2004 Summer Robin Hood, Cragg Vale

2004/05 Winter Rushcart, Sowerby

2005 Summer George, King Cross

2005/6 Winter Works, Sowerby Bridge

2006 Summer Travellers Inn, Hipperholme

2006/7 Winter Shepherds Rest, Sowerby Bridge

2007 Summer Stubbing Wharf, Hebden Bridge

2007/8 Winter Moyles, Hebden Bridge

2008 Summer Old Ship, Brighouse



2008 Autumn	Cock O' The North, Hipperholme
2008/9 Winter	Richard Oastler, Brighouse
2009 Summer	New Prospect Inn, Claremount
2009/10 Winter	Jubilee Refreshment Rooms, Sowerby Bridge
2010 Summer	Big 6, King Cross
2010/11 Winter	Ring O' Bells, Halifax
2011 Summer	Church Stile, Sowerby
2011/12 Winter	Dirty Dick's, Halifax
2012 Summer	Puzzle Hall Inn, Sowerby Bridge

2016

Summer - The Dusty Miller, Mytholmroyd

Autumn - Calan's Micropub, Hebden Bridge

Winter - The Hogs Head Brew House and Bar, Sowerby Bridge

2017

Spring - The Market Tavern, Brighouse

Summer – The Grayston Unity, Halifax Town Centre

Autumn - The Pump Room, Halifax Town Centre Winter

– The Wainhouse Tavern, Halifax

2018

Spring – The Pub, Todmorden

Summer – The Hare and Hounds Country Inn, Wadsworth

Autumn – The Alexandra Beer House, Halifax Town Centre Winter

– The Square Chapel Cafe and Bar, Halifax

2019

Spring - The Oddy's, King Cross, Halifax

Summer - Elland Craft and Tap, Elland

Autumn - Stod Fold Dean Clough, Halifax Winter

– Nightjar, Hebden Bridge

2020

Spring – Not awarded

Summer - Not awarded



Autumn - Not awarded Winter
– Not awarded

2021

Spring - Not awarded
Summer – Roundhill Inn, Rastrick
Autumn – Kopenhagen, Halifax
Winter – The Alehouse, Todmorden

2022

Spring – Meandering Bear, Halifax
Summer – Puzzle Hall, Sowerby Bridge
Autumn - Stod Fold Dean Clough, Halifax
Winter – Crafty Fox Brighthouse

2023

Spring – Dukes, Halifax
Summer – Barbary's, Mytholmroyd
Autumn – Robin Hood, Pecket Well Winter
– Market Tavern, Todmorden

2024

Spring – Nan Moor's, Todmorden
Summer – The Hop Monkey, Sowerby Hipperholme
Autumn – The Upper George Hotel, Halifax
Winter – Old gate Bar and Restaurant, Hebden bridge

Other Awards

NATIONAL CAMRA AWARDS

2020 The Puzzle Hall Community Pub, Winner of the Pub Saving Award
2006 The Works (now The Hollins Mill), Sowerby Bridge, Best Conversion to Pub Use

YORKSHIRE CAMRA AWARDS

2024 Nan Moor's, Todmorden Yorkshire Cider Pub of the Year
2019 The Fox and Goose Co-operative Pub, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire Pub of the Year
Runner Up
2018 Victorian Craft Beer Cafe, Halifax, Yorkshire Pub of the Year Joint Runner Up
○ *recent past (subject to exceptions agreed by the Committee))*

