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## Six top tourist destinations in South Devon

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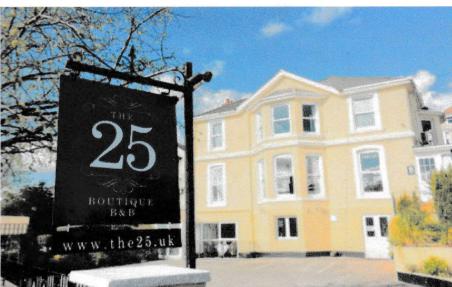






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The top six in South Devon

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SOUTH Devon businesses & were among the winners at this year's South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

A total of 135 trophies were handed out to leading tourism businesses from a record 605 entries which was 23 per cent up on the year before.

## Gold category winners included:

1- The Kaywana Hotel, near Kingswear (Bed & Breakfast of the Year)



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4 Usington Country House Hotel & Sna (Sna & Wellheing Experience Award)



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6 - And the other winner from South Devon was the stunning Thurlestone Hotel's owner



This year's awards event was hosted by ITV news presenter Kylie Pentelow, with an inspiring opening address by travel journalist and chair of Family Holiday Association Alison Rice.

Alison was also this year's chair of judges and commented: "Yet again the South West leads the way in tourism excellence. Whatever 2017 throws at this very special region of Britain, tonight's award winners will excel at what they do best - offering all comers the best possible visitor experiences."

The event broke new ground being hosted at Ashton Gate stadium, the home of Bristol Rugby and Bristol City.

Robin Barker, of Services for Tourism, said: "Excellence is elusive. It takes creativity, commitment, investment, and persistence to achieve.

"Standards have to be maintained for every guest, in all situations, at all hours of every day.

"Achieving excellence is one thing, maintaining it in a world of ever-rising expectations is an even greater challenge.

"So well done to all of this year's winners – you are at the cutting edge of this region's top industry and are genuine business icons."

Richard Stanbrook, director of title sponsors, South West Water Business, added: "We understand how crucial the leisure and tourism industry is to the region and how important water is for such businesses, so we're thrilled to be supporting the tourism awards again and celebrate the hard work, innovation and determination that goes into making the thriving tourism industry in the South West such a success."