



Oxford Pub of the Year 2025 Ballot Form

Name:

Membership number:

One vote in each category: City Pubs and Town & Village Pubs.
(City pubs are those within the Oxford ring road, and Town & Village those outside it. You may vote in one or both categories. The City category has more candidates (8 vs. 6) as more pubs met qualification.)

City Pubs	
The Grapes	
Lamb & Flag	
Mason's Arms	
Rose & Crown	
Royal Blenheim	
White Hart – Headington	
White Hart – Wolvercote	
White Rabbit	

Town & Village Pubs	
Abingdon Arms - Beckley	
Brewery Tap – Abingdon	
Broad Face - Abingdon	
Crafty Pint - Witney	
Eagle Tavern – Witney	
Kings Arms - Kidlington	

Voting is open until 6pm on Monday 28th October 2024.

Ballot papers must include both the name and membership number of the person voting and they will remain confidential.

The single choice of **Oxford Branch Pub of the Year 2025** to go forward to the county round (and perhaps beyond) will be chosen from the two category winners at the Branch Christmas Social in December

Please email your ballot form to **chair@oxford.camra.org.uk**.

If you do not have access to a computer to edit the form email your choice/s, with your name, membership number and confirmation that you have seen the full list of candidates.

Alternatively, a paper copy can be given to any committee member or posted to Chair Oxford CAMRA, 37 Barlow Close, Wheatley, OX33 1NL (page 1 only required).

Judging guidelines are overleaf. These categories are scored individually for County PotY & above.

The pubs on this ballot were selected based on the Beer Scores logged by CAMRA members (see WhatPub.com). This is a very simple process and the more people that provide scores the better the selection process will be. These scores are also used for which pubs will be candidates for the Good Beer Guide. Lots of fantastic pubs may miss the chance to be in this vote or to get in the guide simply because not enough people have scored their beer. Please consider doing beer scores, particularly for pubs not in city/town centres.



CAMRA Pub of the Year judging guidelines

Pubs don't have to be picture postcard, unspoilt gems to be a Pub of the Year. Pubs of all sizes and locations, such as those located on a housing estate, modern city centre bars, micropubs or back street locals, where everyone is made to feel welcome, can be considered for this award.

Please find below a checklist to give you some guidance on what to look for in a Pub of the Year.

CATEGORY 1 – QUALITY & CONDITION OF BEER/ CIDER / PERRY

- It is the quality and condition that are important, and NOT the number available.
- Aspects to consider include: is it stale, is it too warm or too cold, and does it taste right for the style. Personal tastes for particular styles should be ignored.

CATEGORY 2 – PROMOTION AND KNOWLEDGE OF REAL ALE

- Is there clear and obvious support and promotion of real ale (real cider / perry if applicable)? Examples include: meet the brewer (cider maker) events, beer festivals, and trips to breweries (cider producers) or other festivals.
- Staff should enthusiastically promote real ale (real cider / perry if applicable) and be able to answer simple queries in relation to these products.
- The provision of information on products, producers, suppliers, etc. is desirable.

CATEGORY 3 – CLEANLINESS AND STAFF HYGIENE

- Toilets should be hygienic and clean with hot water, soap, suitable hand drying facilities etc.
- The pub should be clean throughout, including bar tops, tables and glasses.
- Staff should observe good hygiene practices, e.g. correct handling of glasses, not eating behind the bar, clean hands and surfaces regularly etc..

CATEGORY 4 – COMMUNITY FOCUS AND ATMOSPHERE

- There should be a sense of community that is inclusive and welcoming to all age groups and sectors of the community. Do regular customers interact well with strangers?
- There should be support for local activities, such as sports teams, local groups, and local celebrations. Is there a notice board that lists local events, activities, or information on the local area?
- Is there a friendly atmosphere?
- Considering the time and day of the week, is it busy enough to create a good atmosphere?
- Further information can be found on https://camra.org.uk/campaign_resources/what-is-a-community-pub/

CATEGORY 5 – SERVICE, WELCOME AND OFFERING

- All should be welcome, and no offence caused to any section of society. This includes websites and other aspects of social media.
- Service should be welcoming, friendly, polite, and also prompt whenever possible. If it is busy, a friendly acknowledgement of your presence is desirable.
- If a number of real ales are available a range of styles and strengths should be offered and a local product, where available.
- Are other products/services available that may enhance a visit, such as quality soft drinks?

CATEGORY 6 – STYLE, DÉCOR AND, FURNISHINGS

- There should be a comfortable, pleasant and safe environment throughout.
- The style should show respect for the building and the décor should enhance it. Furnishings should be in a good state of repair.

CATEGORY 7 – SYMPATHY WITH CAMRA'S AIMS

- Prices and opening hours should be clearly displayed.
- You should get a full measure or a top up without asking. Are oversized glasses used?
- Are there attempts to stimulate interest in the sorts of issues we're concerned about?
- Real ale, cider or perry should not be sold using misleading dispense methods.
- It should be clear who has brewed 'house branded' real ale, cider or perry.
- There should not be any inappropriate noisy electronic amusement machines.
- Real ales should not be served through tight sparklers unless brewed to be dispensed in that way.

CATEGORY 8 – OVERALL IMPRESSION AND VALUE

- This category covers the undefined elements that are not considered elsewhere.
- Did you enjoy your visit? Did you spend more time than you had expected or wish you had been able to stay longer? Would you look forward to a return visit?
- Taking into account the style of establishment and its location, did you feel that you received reasonable value for money? CAMRA discounts should not influence this.