

Langley Castle Hotel

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News Release

BEST SMALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR 2004

Pride of Northumbria

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Langley Castle Hotel, a Northumberland property, has scooped a further top accolade in One North East's annual awards: "Best Small Hotel of the Year," in the Pride of Northumbria Awards 2004. And this is not the first time they have scooped the top prize as they were also winners in 2002.

Langley Castle will now be in the National Finals in which judging will finish April 2005 and the Hotel will be hoping for triple success.

The Award was presented to Anton Phillips, General Manager, and his Deputy, Fiona Thompson, at Redworth Hall by John Sands

This only adds to the Awards Langley Castle has won this year.



RAC White Ribbon Award

Only last month Langley Castle was one of only nineteen Hotels in England to be given the new White Ribbon by the RAC.

The White Ribbon is awarded to those Hotels that are commended for achieving high standards of hospitality, comfort, service and cuisine and demonstrating commitment, enthusiasm and warmth of service

"The staff at Langley Castle are the key to our success" says General Manager Anton Phillips, "Without the enthusiasm and professionalism of team members the Hotel would surely not be picking up two awards for excellence in one year".

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Wedding Venue Langley Castle Hotel is one of the North East's premier Wedding venues and during 2004 will host a minimum of 180 Weddings, of up to 120 guests, and with only one being hosted per day.

"With the current reputation of Langley Castle, it is understandable why people make us their first choice for a venue and relaxing breaks every time."

Please contact Anton Phillips or Gary Naylor at Langley Castle at manager@langleycastle.com or (01434 688888) for further information.

American's Home is his Castle

Langley Castle is owned by Dr. Stuart Madnick, an American Professor from M.I.T. who purchased and converted the Castle into a Hotel in 1986. The emphasis being on personal service and the aim being to "become a Hotel in which both its immediate locality and the region of Northumberland may take a pride." Here he is seen with his wife, Yvonne, and some of the key staff of Langley Castle.



Langley Hospitality and Staff

Most of the Langley team are from the immediate area combining the local charm and character of Northumberland with the skills necessary to perform at the highest of international standards. With guests coming from all over the world we are proud to offer warm Northumbrian hospitality. Langley is able to boast longevity of staff service as a major factor in the success of the Castle. Members of staff have achieved 5, 10 and 15 years service awards. Many staff have invested their time in achieving nationally recognised qualifications in order to further their career aspirations and obtain success for themselves and Langley Castle.

Langley Castle Hotel Accommodations

Langley offers eight magnificently appointed en suite bedrooms within the Castle, boasting window seats set into seven-foot thick walls, four-poster beds, and some with private features such as sauna, spa bath. All Castle rooms have been individually furnished to complement their unique style and to provide our guests with every modern comfort yet within a charming medieval setting. Langley also boasts eight Castle View rooms and two Castle View Lodge rooms within the grounds. Langley Castle was once voted one of the top romantic venues in Britain by a leading national magazine.



Recent Renovations

Langley is constantly undergoing renewal and improvements. Some of the most recent ones include the complete renovation of the Drawing Room (shown above) and the Josephine Restaurant (shown to the left).

Despite interior improvements, Langley exterior remains remarkably architecturally pure because several years after it was completed in 1350, a major fire burned out all of the floors. The exterior walls remained intact, but it sat uninhabited for almost five centuries until purchased by Cadwallader Bates, an English historian, in the late 1800s. He and his wife spent much of their lives restoring the castle to its original greatness, which can now be shared with the public.