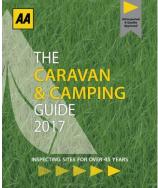
COTE GHYLL CARAVAN AND CAMPING PARK NAMED AA CAMPSITE OF THE YEAR FOR THE NORTH EAST 2017

The nation's best caravan and campsites are celebrating today as the AA announces the winners of the AA Caravan and Camping Awards 2017. Among this year's winners is Cote Ghyll Caravan and Camping Park, Osmotherley which was named AA Campsite of the Year for the North East 2017.

Camping is still such a popular holiday choice and with more and more people opting for 'staycations' caravan and camping is a fun and affordable option. This year sees the introduction of a new award – The AA Glamping Site of the Year, to celebrate the popularity of Glamping.



Cote Ghyll Caravan and Camping Park is a quiet, peaceful site secluded in a pleasant valley within walking distance of pretty Osmotherley village and just minutes from the glorious North Yorkshire Moors. It is the perfect base for active people, with pony trekking, mountain biking and excellent moorland walking on the doorstep. It is also a great place to relax – the park is south facing, well landscaped and divided into terraces bordered by woodland, and offers a good mix of grass and hardstanding pitches, including 12 very spacious, fully serviced pitches for larger units. The well-appointed amenity block is a welcome addition to this attractive park – it has underfloor heating, good privacy cubicles and a wellequipped family bathroom. Children can let off steam on the two excellent play areas, and Cod Beck, which flows through the park, is a great and safe place for children to paddle and just have fun. Mature trees, shrubs and an abundance of seasonal floral displays create a relaxing and peaceful atmosphere, and the whole park is immaculately maintained. There are holiday statics for hire, a café and wellstocked shop (with bakery), and good pubs in Osmotherley.



All the winners appear in the new AA Caravan and Camping Guide 2017. Over 860 campsites in the Guide have all been visited by one of the AA's qualified Campsite Inspectors to look at touring pitches, facilities and hospitality before grading the site from one to five Pennants, including the Gold Pennants awarded to the best parks. Each entry within the guide includes location, ratings, contact details, directions, prices, opening times, facilities and a description to help select the right site for your needs.

The AA Caravan and Camping Guide is available from <u>The AA Shop</u> for £12.99 and as a free app for iPhone, iPad and Android.

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The winners of the 2017 AA Caravan and Camping Awards are:

AA CAMPSITE OF THE YEAR 2017

ENGLAND AND OVERALL WINNER – Vale of Pickering Caravan Park, Allerston, North Yorkshire SCOTLAND – Blair Castle Caravan Park, Blair Atholl, Perth & Kinross WALES - Fforest Fields Caravan & Camping Park, Builth Wells, Powys

AA REGIONAL CAMPSITES OF THE YEAR 2017

South West – Padstow Touring Park, Padstow, Cornwall
South East – Sumners Ponds Fishery and Campsite, Barns Green, West Sussex
Heart of England – The Old Brick Kilns, Barney, Norfolk
North West – Castlerigg Hall Caravan and Camping Park, Keswick, Cumbria

North East - Cote Ghyll Caravan & Camping Park, Osmotherley, North Yorkshire

HOLIDAY CENTRE OF THE YEAR

Rockley Park, Poole, Dorset

MOST IMPROVED CAMPSITE OF THE YEAR

Haw Wood Farm Caravan Park, Dunwich, Suffolk

SMALL CAMPSITE OF THE YEAR

Drumroamin Farm Camping & Touring Site, Wigtown, Dumfries & Galloway

GLAMPING SITE OF THE YEAR

Durrell Wildlife Camp, Trinity, Jersey