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### **CHEWTON GLEN AWARDED GOLD SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARD**

Chewton Glen has been awarded the Green Tourism Business Scheme (GTBS) highest accolade, the 'Gold' award for its environmental and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

The hotel is one of only three five-star properties in England to have achieved this status and according to the GTBS assessment panel its success "reflects the significant effort and commitment made since the previous audit in 2007 when the hotel achieved 'Silver' accreditation. Notable successes included the overall green management plan and a committed green team; alongside innovative work regarding lighting control and sensors, water management, sourcing of local products, waste and energy management and promoting environmentally focussed activities for hotel guests.

Sustainability and green issues are now very much mainstream, with governments, businesses and individuals all involved. Tourism, as one of the main economic drivers in the UK has a huge part to play, and this national sustainable tourism certification scheme is the only scheme validated by Visit Britain.

Commenting on Chewton Glen's GTBS award, Anthony Climpson OBE, Employment and Tourism Manager of the New Forest District Council said: "This award is long overdue, I can think of no other business in the New Forest which has invested more commitment, time or money in developing a wise growth approach to its operation. The real benefit to the overall GTBS

scheme however is that once and for all, the idea that a world class five red star hotel cannot also be 'green' is completely dispelled!"

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Chewton Glen is a five-red star privately-owned luxury country house hotel, located on the edge of the ancient New Forest National Park in Hampshire and just a few minutes' walk from sea. Chewton Glen has a world-class spa and leisure activities including a nine-hole par three golf-course, croquet lawn, indoor tennis centre and outdoor tennis courts. The hotel has 58 individually designed luxurious bedrooms and suites, an internationally acclaimed restaurant, together with private dining, banqueting and modern meeting facilities.

Other recent awards include:

**Caterer and Hotelkeepers 2010 Hotelier of the Year Award** – Awarded to Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director of Chewton Glen.

**Condé Nast Traveller 2011** – 'Best Hotel for Service in the UK' and listed as one of the 'World's Best Hotels'.

**Gallivanter's Guide 2011** – Runner-up in the category of 'Best Small Hotel/Resort under 100 rooms in the World'.

**The Sunday Times Travel Magazine 2011** – One of the 'Top 50 British Spas' and in the top 10 of 'Classic Spa Hotels'.

**Condé Nast Traveller Spa Awards 2011** – Listed in the ‘Top Ten of UK Hotel Spas’.

**Professional Beauty Magazine Awards 2011** – One of the top five ‘Most Inspiring Spas in the UK’.

**Tatler Spa Guide 2010** – ‘Best of British;’ listing and one of the ‘101 Best Spa’s in the World’.

**Green Leaf Tourism Scheme 2011** – Green Leaf Awarded to Chewton Glen.

**Condé Nast Traveler USA 2010** – Placed on the ‘Gold List’ and voted as one of the ‘Top 100 Hotels in the World’. Also, in the category ‘Best Hotel in the British Isles’, Chewton Glen was the best property outside London and the second best property in the country.

**Zest Magazine Spa Awards 2010** – Chewton Glen won the Readers Choice award in the category of ‘Best for Relaxation’.

**Beautiful South’s 2010 Awards for Excellence** – Chewton Glen took home a Gold Award for ‘Large Hotel/Townhouse of the Year’, and Events Manager, Katie Burns, received a Silver Award for ‘Outstanding Customer Service’.

**HR in Hospitality Awards for Excellence 2010** – Human Resources Director Anita Bower received the award for ‘Establishing Links with Schools and Colleges’.

**Conference & Incentive Travel 2010** – Silver category for the ‘Best UK Incentive Hotel’.

**The British Cheese Awards 2010** – For our new all British Cheese Trolley