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## Rockliffe Hall scoops Gold for Large Hotel of the Year at North East Tourism Awards

*7 October 2011:* **Five star country resort [Rockliffe Hall](http://www.rockliffehall.com) in County Durham was last night recognised by the prestigious North East Tourism Awards, winning Gold in the Large Hotel category.**

The awards held at Sunderland Football Club's Stadium of Light showcase the best that tourism has to offer in the North East region, recognising quality, performance and innovation. Forty businesses from across the region competed for the coveted awards and the winners will go on to the national finals of the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence to compete alongside the cream of UK tourism.

*Nick Holmes, managing director of Rockliffe Hall said:*

"We are delighted to win this award and it is testament to the hard work of all the team here whose dedication, exceptional hospitality and exacting standards have shone through. We look forward to continuing to deliver, raising the bar and guest expectations next year and beyond."

Rockliffe Hall, opened in November 2009, is the North East's only five star resort. Set on a magnificent restored 18<sup>th</sup> century estate on the banks of the River Tees, the hotel is steeped in history as the former home of the founders of the Stockton to Darlington Railway and Barclays Bank. It was designed by Alfred Waterhouse, the architect responsible for the Natural History Museum in London. It features 61 spacious guestrooms and suites, a world class 18-hole championship golf course, a dreamy state of the art spa featuring ILA and Comfort Zone products, and a 20 metre indoor swimming pool.

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Notes to Editors

Opened in November 2009 **Rockliffe Hall** ([www.rockliffehall.com](http://www.rockliffehall.com)) in County Durham is set on 375 acres on the banks of the River Tees just outside the village of Hurworth. The heart of this privately owned hotel is a wonderfully Gothic mansion, the former home of the family behind the Stockton to Darlington Railway and Barclays Bank. It was designed by Alfred Waterhouse, the architect responsible for the Natural History Museum in London. With 61 spacious guestrooms and suites; two bars, a gourmet restaurant 'Kenny Atkinson at The Orangery'; 12 meeting and event rooms; an 18-hole championship golf course; a dreamy 50,000 square foot spa and wellness centre featuring ILA and Comfort Zone products and treatments and a 20 metre indoor swimming pool. Rockliffe Hall is five minutes from Darlington Railway Station and Durham and Tees Valley Airport. It is a two and a half hour train journey to London and two hours by train to Edinburgh. The historic city of Durham is on the doorstep, as are Newcastle, York, Leeds and the Yorkshire Dales. Newcastle International Airport is an hour away.