POTY 2027 Voting Form

Membership Number: Name:

Please ensure you have read the Voting Procedures and Guidelines Document. You must visit **all 5 pubs** for your vote to be valid. This form can be used to record scores while you are visiting, but scores need to be submitted via the members area of our website (which validates entries and calculates totals for you), or emailed to pubs@tendring.camra.org.uk with membership number and name, before 7am on the date of our February meeting. Score each category out of 10 in whole numbers, multiply (x2, or x1) & total the results to give scores out of 120.

Moon & Starfish, Clacton

1 Marine Parade East, CO15 1PT
Date surveyed:
Beers/Ciders/Perries:
Comments:

Quality & Condition of Real Ale/Cider/Perry		X2	
Promotion & Knowledge of Real Ale		X2	
Cleanliness & Staff Hygiene		X2	
Community Focus		X2	
Service and Welcome		X1	
Style, Décor & Atmosphere		X1	
Sympathy with CAMRA's Aims		X1	
Overall Impression and Value		X1	
Total marks (out of a possible 120)			

Old Lifeboat House, Clacton

39 Marine Parade, CO15 6AD
Date surveyed:
Beers/Ciders/Perries:
Comments:

Quality & Condition of Real Ale/Cider/Perry		X2	
Promotion & Knowledge of Real Ale		X2	
Cleanliness & Staff Hygiene		X2	
Community Focus		X2	
Service and Welcome		X1	
Style, Décor & Atmosphere		X1	
Sympathy with CAMRA's Aims		X1	
Overall Impression and Value		X1	
Total marks (out of a possible 120)			

Bottle Kiln, Dovercourt

60 Kingsway, CO12 3JR
Date surveyed:
Beers/Ciders/Perries:
Comments:

Quality & Condition of Real Ale/Cider/Perry		X2	
Promotion & Knowledge of Real Ale		X2	
Cleanliness & Staff Hygiene		X2	
Community Focus		X2	
Service and Welcome		X1	
Style, Décor & Atmosphere		X1	
Sympathy with CAMRA's Aims		X1	
Overall Impression and Value		X1	
Total marks (out of a possible 120)			

Ship, Kirby-le-Soken

35 Walton Road, CO13 0DT
Date surveyed:
Beers/Ciders/Perries:
Comments:

Quality & Condition of Real Ale/Cider/Perry		X2	
Promotion & Knowledge of Real Ale		X2	
Cleanliness & Staff Hygiene		X2	
Community Focus		X2	
Service and Welcome		X1	
Style, Décor & Atmosphere		X1	
Sympathy with CAMRA's Aims		X1	
Overall Impression and Value		X1	
Total marks (out of a possible 120)			

White Hart, Weeley Heath

Clacton Road, CO16 9ED
Date surveyed:
Beers/Ciders/Perries:
Comments:

Quality & Condition of Real Ale/Cider/Perry		X2	
Promotion & Knowledge of Real Ale		X2	
Cleanliness & Staff Hygiene		X2	
Community Focus		X2	
Service and Welcome		X1	
Style, Décor & Atmosphere		X1	
Sympathy with CAMRA's Aims		X1	
Overall Impression and Value		X1	
Total marks (out of a possible 120)			

NB: If a pub has been Pub of the Year for two consecutive years it is ineligible in the third year (see April 2014 branch meeting minutes). [1] See East Anglia Regional Minutes March 2018, 3.c.A12

CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR JUDGING

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. Also, please try to be discreet when judging to try to avoid alerting pub staff that a judging visit is taking place.

CATEGORY 1 – QUALITY AND CONDITION OF REAL ALE / 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 must 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

- 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?
- Further information can be found at https://camra.org.uk/community-pubs.

CATEGORY 5 – SERVICE AND WELCOME

- All should be welcome. No aspect of the pub should cause offense by anything that could be offensive to a consumer due to their discriminatory nature. 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.

CATEGORY 6 – STYLE, DÉCOR AND ATMOSPHERE

- There should be a comfortable, pleasant and safe environment throughout.
- The style should show respect for the building and the décor should enhance it. Furnishing should be in a good state of repair.
- Is there a friendly atmosphere?
- Considering the time and day of the week, is it busy enough to create a good atmosphere?

CATEGORY 7 – SYMPATHY WITH CAMRA'S AIMS (As listed in CAMRA's Policies)

- 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.
- If a number of real ales are available a range of styles and strengths should be offered and a local product, where available.

CATEGORY 8 – OVERALL IMPRESSION AND VALUE

- This category covers the undefined elements that are not considered elsewhere.
- Are other products/services that may enhance a visit available, such as quality soft drinks?
- 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.

COMMENTS

If you have marked a pub particularly low or high on one or more criteria, it would be helpful if you could explain why in the comments section of the form. **Any scores of 0 or 10 require explanation – enter them in the comments section online**[1]

You might also wish to include mitigating factors, e.g. you visited the pub on a quiet lunchtime and therefore didn't see it at its liveliest. Where possible, allow time to spend a couple of hours at the pub you are judging.