



Extract from The Sunday Times Ultimate 100 British Hotels, 2015

Four hotels in Hampshire have made it into the prestigious Sunday Times Ultimate 100 British Hotels, for 2015 - one in the Budget category, two in the Country category, and one in the B&B category. They are:

“Budget”

Bel & The Dragon at The Swan (NEW opening)

Kingsclere, Newbury, Hampshire

<http://belandthedragon-kingsclere.co.uk>

The Bel & Dragon chain's latest outpost is a special one for one of its founders, Ollie Vigors, who grew up in the village of Kingsclere in Hampshire. Fantastic food, putting modern twists on classic dishes. Nine rooms, with beams, Roberts radios and decanters of Sipsmith gin and whisky. Doubles from £95.

Also a hotel in Odiham (not in the 100 list though)

“Country”

Chewton Glen

New Milton, New Forest, Hampshire.

<http://www.chewtonglen.com>

The New Milton favourite could never be accused of having rested on its laurels, having sexed up its 70 bedrooms and injected some fun into its fine dining. In 2012 it unveiled six ultra-luxurious treehouses. Two things remain constant: excellent service, and fabulous location. Doubles from £325.

Lime Wood

Lyndhurst, New Forest, Hampshire.

<http://www.limewoodhotel.co.uk>

A gorgeous New Forest bolthole with a revamped restaurant. The 29 bedrooms remain gratifyingly glossy, contrasting with the forest cottages and cabin, which are hiply homespun. Angela Hartnett's new cookery school has added another dimension to the place. Doubles from £315.

“B&B”

Hannah's (NEW opening)

Winchester, Hampshire.

<http://hannahsbedandbreakfast.co.uk>

It's hard not to be impressed by Hannah McIntyre. A large inheritance meant the 26-year-old could buy a former dancehall, gut it, and turn it into a B&B charging £205 a night. She does her own cooking and cleaning. Arrive in the afternoon for tea and cake, baked by You Know Who. Heavy old timber doors, funky welded copper pipes and bathtubs on mezzanine floors make her three bedrooms (numbered 19, 41 and 98) something very special. Doubles from £185.

Further tourist information can always be found at <http://www.visit-hampshire.co.uk>.

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