

HUNTERS of HELMSLEY

Press release



North Yorkshire deli shortlisted for national award

Local deli Hunters of Helmsley is celebrating after being shortlisted for a prestigious award.

Hunters, which has been based on the Market Place in Helmsley for over 20 years, is one of three Yorkshire finalists in the Local Food category of the Countryside Alliance Awards.

The awards are a UK-wide annual celebration of rural life, business, heritage and produce. Regional finalists all go through to the British finals and stand a chance of being crowned 2010 Champions.

Contenders for the Countryside Alliance's Local Food Award were judged against a number of criteria including championing local food, breathing life into the community and supporting other local producers.

Christine Garnett, who runs Hunters with her husband Chris, commented: "We're absolutely delighted to have been shortlisted for the Countryside Alliance Award. Recent years have been tough for businesses across the board and it's a vital part of our philosophy as a retailer that local farmers and producers are supported and championed, not only from an economic viewpoint but also because Yorkshire produces some of the best food in the country."

"At least 70 per cent of the more than 1,800 products we stock are sourced locally. Both my husband and I are from Yorkshire farming families - Chris ran a beef, sheep and arable farm on the edge of Wharfedale with his father for over 18 years and my family still farm in West Yorkshire. We strongly believe the quality of food and where and how it is produced is vital to success."

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The 2010 Countryside Alliance Award Yorkshire finalists are:

1. Local Food category finalists

- Campbells of Leyburn, Leyburn, North Yorkshire
- Hunters of Helmsley, Helmsley, York
- Ainsty Farm Shop, Green Hammerton, York

2. Village Shop / Post Office finalists

- Burton-in-Lonsdale Village Shop, Burton in Lonsdale, Carnforth
- Tollerton Village Store, Tollerton, York
- Netherton General Post Office and Stores, Netherton, Wakefield

3. Rural Enterprise finalists

- Fryton Catering Company, Slingsby, York
- Sheffield Honey Company, Stannington, Sheffield
- Fodder, Harrogate

4. Butcher category finalists

- Johnsons of Thirsk, Thirsk
- Ellisons Butchers, Cullingworth, Bradford
- Lishman's of Ilkley, Ilkley, West Yorkshire

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