

THE NATIONAL JUSTICE MUSEUM SCOOPS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AT 'THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TOURISM AWARDS 2017'

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TOURISM AWARDS are a celebration of the tourism industry in the county and one team in particular, from the National Justice Museum (formerly the Galleries of Justice Museum), jumped for joy after the glittering ceremony hosted by TV chef Dean Edwards, at the Crowne Plaza in Nottingham on 26th October. More than 70 organisations made it onto the shortlist and it was the icing on the cake for the newly refurbished museum based in the city's historic Lace Market.

Nicola Burley, Interim Chief Operating Officer at The National Justice Museum said: 'We are delighted to receive this accolade. We were up against some stiff competition in our category with *'Elk Motorsport'* and *'Clip n Climb'*. The museum has undergone some massive changes this year and this is a testament to the work carried out by our dedicated team... this award will have a hugely positive impact. It has taken years of planning and hard work to arrive at this stage. The museum has always been a jewel in Nottingham's crown as well as being an important heritage site and we are ecstatic to receive this recognition'.

The Shire Hall is a focal point for visitors in Nottingham and encourages interest in heritage, culture, education and of course, family entertainment. This in turn has a very positive effect on the local visitor economy. Cutting-edge, innovative interpretation is now used to improve access to the site in the Creative Quarter of the city. Visitors are able to get involved through a more hands-on approach. New activities and learning resources have broadened the range of audiences. The ways in which visitors can enjoy the unique buildings, collections and stories of the museum have changed. Visitors from all backgrounds can now engage with the vision of the modern museum. The collections remain at the centre of the visitor experience and provide a greatly improved visitor-experience.

The Nottinghamshire Tourism Awards recognise the best of the tourism industry and play a major role in showcasing the high-quality experiences and venues available to visitors to the county. The winners of the awards will be eligible to apply for the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence and compete with other organisations nationwide. Now in their 29th year, the

awards celebrate the very best in English tourism – championing excellence in best practice and customer service.

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Notes to the Editor:

The National Justice Museum

- Based at Nottingham's old courthouse and gaol, there are many ways to explore the National Justice Museum, with free exhibitions, audio and performance-led tours and a café
- For more information on The National Justice Museum www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk or call 0115 950555
- The National Justice Museum is a registered charity number 1030554 education work carried out at the museum aims to provide programmes, workshops and resources to help develop young people's understanding of the law and justice systems (past and present) and how to live within it; preventing and reducing crime through early intervention and preventative education in legal and heritage sites for information on these programmes please visit www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk
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