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**Wisley steps closer to national tourism glory**

RHS Garden Wisley has been announced as a finalist in the annual Enjoy England Awards for Excellence it has been revealed today.

The Awards, organised by national tourism body VisitEngland, celebrate some of the very best tourism businesses in the UK, recognising businesses that demonstrate commitment to high quality, helping to make England a world-class destination.

The Surrey attraction was winner of the Large Visitor Attraction award at Tourism South East's Excellence Awards in October and will now represent the region at the national stage, being judged alongside two other attractions before the Gold winner is announced on St George's Day at a glittering awards ceremony to be held in the Corn Exchange at the Brighton Dome on 23 April.

Wisley joins 6 other finalists representing the South East at the Awards; no other region has achieved more finalists, making it the best year ever for the Beautiful South.

'We are delighted to be hosting the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence here in the Beautiful South' said Tourism South East Chief Executive Mike Bedingfield, 'the announcement of so many finalists in our region affirms the incredibly high-standard of entrants we had in our regional awards; and the quality of the tourism businesses in the South East. I wish RHS Garden Wisley the very best of luck on the big night.'

**More information about the Enjoy England Awards for Excellence can be found at [www.enjoyengland.com/excellence](http://www.enjoyengland.com/excellence)**

**More information about Tourism South East can be found at [www.tourismsoutheast.com](http://www.tourismsoutheast.com)**

**More information about RHS Garden Wisley can be found at [www.rhs.org.uk/whatson/gardens/wisley](http://www.rhs.org.uk/whatson/gardens/wisley)**

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Tourism South East is the official tourist board for South East England, covering Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, East and West Sussex, Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire and Surrey.

The South East is the largest region for tourism in Britain outside of London, worth in excess of £12 billion p.a. to the regional economy (7% of regional GVA) supporting over 300,000 jobs.