



**The Packhorse Inn, Moulton & The Gin Trap, Ringstead shortlisted for Suffolk Pub & Bar of the Year & Norfolk Pub & Bar of the Year respectively.**



**Chestnut pubs with rooms, The Packhorse Inn in Moulton, Suffolk and The Gin Trap, Ringstead, Norfolk have been named among the best pubs in their respective counties and shortlisted to take the top spot in the National Pub & Bar Awards, to be announced on 10 June 2026.**

Each Chestnut pub is part of the fabric of their communities while balancing a strong destination appeal driven by location, food, and guest experience. The Packhorse Inn was the founding pub for Chestnut in 2012 and continues to set the standard today. The Gin Trap Inn joined the collection in 2024.

The region's unrivalled food heritage shapes the pub menus and local ingredients take centre stage, supporting the producers and suppliers on their doorstep. Each features well thought out accommodation, attracting guests from further field and for longer, a strategy that has recently won Chestnut Best Accommodation Operator at The Publican Awards 2026.

The National Pub & Bar Awards celebrate the best in the UK's licensed trade, highlighting venues that excel in service, design, food, drink and overall experience.



The Packhorse Inn  
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[www.thepackhorseinn.com](http://www.thepackhorseinn.com)



The Gin Trap Inn  
[High Street, Ringstead Norfolk PE36 5JU](#)  
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### **More about Chestnut**

Chestnut is a collection of pubs and hotels in the East of England. Chestnut's pubs with rooms include The Packhorse Inn in Moulton, Newmarket, The Black Lion in Long Melford, The Westleton Crown in Westleton, The Ship at Dunwich, The Eight Bells in Saffron Walden, The Weeping Willow in Barrow, The Three Blackbirds in Woodditton, The Crown Inn in Stoke-by-Nayland, The Cricketers in Clavering, The Globe Inn, in Wells Next-the-Sea, The Feathers in Holt, The Wiveton Bell in Holt, The Lifeboat Inn and The Chequers in Thornham, and The Carpenters Arms in Cambridgeshire, The Gin Trap Inn, Ringstead, and The Ancient Mariner Inn, Old Hunstanton. Chestnut's hotel's include The Old Bridge in Huntington, Titchwell Manor, near Brancaster, The Maltings, Weybourne, and Le Strange Arms, Old Hunstanton.

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