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**GOLD STAR:** Staff at the White Hart in Somerton are celebrating after being awarded gold by the Taste of the West Hospitality and Retail Awards. Pictured are Tom Blake, head chef, and Natalie Patrick, manager. *Picture by Jennie Banks*

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## Taste of success for pub after experts' visit

THE White Hart pub on Market Place in Somerton has been awarded gold by the Taste of the West Hospitality and Retail Awards.

The awards aim to find the best places to eat, drink, sleep and shop in the South West.

A panel of anonymous, independent expert judges visit all the registered establishments and award gold, silver and

bronze awards on merit, based on a scoring system.

The judges' criteria includes looking at the extent of local sourcing, communication of local sourcing in the establishment, quality and speed of service, quality of meal, atmosphere and ambience of the place and value for money.

Pub manager Natalie Patrick said: "The judges came

in on a really busy Tuesday night and it wasn't until they paid with their Taste of the West vouchers that we know who they were.

"We got the result just two days later and we were all really pleased. The whole team is really proud. We have quite a young team here and they are all very committed and take pride in what we serve."