

# Farm celebrates tourism award



With the award in Arthur's Cafe at Fordhall Farm, from left, are Nicola Shuttleworth, chef, Charlotte Hollins, manager, and Julia Harrer, waitress.

MORE than five years after facing closure, the sibling owners of a pioneering organic farm near Market Drayton are celebrating after winning a prestigious award.

Fordhall Farm, owned by brother and sister Charlotte and Ben Hollins, won special recognition in our sister paper the *Shropshire Star's* inaugural Tourism & Leisure Awards.

Readers chose Arthur's at the farm as the best cafe or tearoom. The business prides itself on offering a locally-sourced, seasonal and sustainable menu.

Charlotte said: "Everybody at Fordhall is very pleased and honoured to win the award. It has given a huge boost to the team and will encourage us to provide even more seasonal, local and organic food."

"Huge credit must go to the whole team. Everyone has worked really hard and it is nice to be recognised. A big thank you must go to everyone who has voted for us."

The siblings first appealed for public help in about 2005 when their tenanted family farm was due to be sold for development. But they were convinced the farm could be turned into a local asset and managed to purchase it, thanks to the help of thousands of shareholders.

Charlotte added: "We would like to invite all our customers to celebrate with us on December 15 between 3pm and 5pm."

"We will be serving mulled wine, mince pies and singing Christmas carols. There will even be a visit from Father Christmas for the children."

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