



GOOD BEER GUIDE SURVEY FORM 2025

SEE GUIDELINES OVERLEAF FOR MORE INFORMATION
ONE LETTER PER SQUARE · PLEASE USE CAPITALS

Date of Visit	
Inspector/s (Print Name/s)	
Branch (Important)	
Branch Code (Important)	

NAME OF PUB

Omit 'Ye', 'Y' or 'The'; use '&' not 'and'.

[Grid for name entry]

NEW ENTRY Tick if pub is a new entry i.e. was not in 2024 edition

ADDRESS LINE 1

[Grid for address line 1]

ADDRESS LINE 2

[Grid for address line 2]

Address Lines 1 & 2: These should contain only the first part of the address. Further address details to go below.

TOWN/VILLAGE

Heading under which the pub will be listed in the Guide. See guidelines for how to display city suburbs/areas.

[Grid for town/village]

COUNTY/AREA/LONDON POSTAL SECTOR

Section within which the pub will be listed in the Guide.

[Grid for county/area/postal sector]

POST CODE

Please split into two parts. Check with Royal Mail.

[Grid for post code]

DIRECTIONS TO PUB

Only needed when difficult to find or in a large town. E.g. '400 yds from A304/B296 jct. next to town hall'.

[Grid for directions]

ORDNANCE SURVEY GRID REFERENCE

Only required if the pub is in a remote area. The first two boxes should contain the relevant National Grid reference (two letters), the other boxes should contain the six-figure detailed grid reference.

example
T L 1 6 5 0 7 2

[Grid for grid reference]

LOCALE Please tick if this pub is an accredited member of CAMRA's LocAle scheme.

PUB OPENING HOURS

Only include Sunday hours if different and mention any days the pub is closed. Don't forget to ask about seasonal variations.

[Grid for opening hours]

SUNDAY HOURS

[Grid for Sunday hours]

TELEPHONE STD [Grid for telephone number]

WEBSITE http:// [Grid for website address]

Individual pub website only, NOT web address for pub group (e.g. Wetherspoon, Punch Taverns, etc.).

E-MAIL ADDRESS

[Grid for email address]

Please provide an e-mail address for the pub where there is one. **IMPORTANT** – For marketing purposes

PERMANENT BEERS

Permanent beers only. Six beers maximum. List them alphabetically by brewery, then in order of strength. Guest and seasonal beers are no longer listed here. If guest and/or seasonal beers are available or if the beers are constantly changing (previously listed as 'Beer range varies') please leave this section blank and fill in the section 'CHANGING BEERS' below. Don't forget the dispense symbol for each beer: handpump, gravity, electric pump, air pressure or membrane keg. For house beers please see below. Please refer to attached guidelines for more detailed information.

[Grid for permanent beers]

See examples in sample entries overleaf

CHANGING BEERS Number of beers Local Regional National (*tick one option only*)

Please give the number of changing (non-permanent) beers available (guest and/or seasonal beers or varying beers if the range is ever-changing). Please **also** indicate if these tend to be sourced locally, regionally or nationally (see guidelines for details; tick **one** option only). Please include dispense method(s).

Method of dispense: H Handpump G Gravity P Electric Pump A Air Pressure K Membrane Keg

Please give up to three examples of breweries (not beers) that are often featured, in **alphabetical** order. Please leave blank if no examples can be given.

[Grid for brewery examples]

HOUSE BEER House beer [Grid for house beer name] Source brewery

CELLARMANSHIP AND DISPENSE *Tick boxes as appropriate*

Return Tray This pub uses return trays (also known as Autovacs or beer economisers) on some or all of its real ales.

Misleading Dispense This pub does not use fake or false handpumps.

GBG SURVEY GUIDELINES

PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES CLOSELY AS CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE 2024 GUIDE



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ALL SURVEY INFORMATION MUST BE UPDATED ON
WHATPUB AND SIGNED OFF TO YOUR AREA
ORGANISER OR REGIONAL DIRECTOR NO LATER THAN

4 MARCH 2024

*A PDF of this survey form and accompanying
documentation is available to volunteers at:*
www.camra.org.uk/gbgforms

Branch pub submissions for the 2025 Guide will take place via
WhatPub. This survey form can be used by branches to collect
data for upload to WhatPub.

Please update and tag your GBG pubs as usual (as GBG 2025)
using Pubzilla, HOPS, Spile or your usual local branch pub
database and upload to WhatPub. Support functions such as
Yahoo groups are in place in all cases for this facility if necessary.

COMPLETING THE SURVEY FORM

ADDRESS

The 'Address Line 1' and 'Address Line 2' entries should contain
the first part of an address only, such as the street name and
number. The town/village, county/area/London postal sector
and postcode should go in the subsequent fields.

Please note that in the 'Town/Village' field, any city suburbs/
areas need to be listed first by the city name then by the
suburb/area name, separated by a colon. Otherwise, they
will not appear correctly in the Guide (e.g. 'Birmingham:
Balsall Heath', 'Liverpool: Kirkdale', 'Nottingham: East').
London postal district entries should be listed first by postal
district then by London area name, separated by a colon
(e.g. 'SW1: Westminster', 'EC1: Clerkenwell').

NEW ENTRY TICK BOX

Please use the tick box that asks if a pub is a new entry,
i.e. was not in the 2024 edition. This information is of great
importance to the CAMRA office: when we produce press
releases for the launch of the Guide, local and regional
newspapers and radio stations are keen to know about new
pubs in their area. Even if a particular pub has been in previous
editions but was not in the 2024 Guide, please tick the box.

ORDNANCE SURVEY GRID REFERENCE

Ordnance Survey grid references are only required if a pub
is in a remote area. The first two boxes of a reference should
contain the relevant **two-letter** National Grid reference
(sometimes called a sheet code), the other boxes should
contain the **six-figure** detailed grid reference. This provides
an OS map reference accurate to within 100 square metres.

For more information on OS map references visit
www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

For help in finding OS map references visit
www.gridreferencefinder.com and follow the instructions.

For example, a search on AL1 4LW (the CAMRA St Albans
Office) shows a six figure grid reference of TL164072.

EMAIL AND WEB ADDRESS – IMPORTANT

Please include an email address for the pub. This does not
appear in the publication, but is useful for marketing purposes.
Please check the web address carefully before submitting and
ensure it is still active.

OPENING HOURS

Opening hours will be featured in the 2025 Guide due to a
motion at Conference in April 2023. Please ensure that this
information is as accurate as possible.

PERMANENT BEERS

Guest, seasonal and house beers are to be detailed in the same
way as published in the 2024 Guide, providing useful
additional information to readers.

Permanent beers (up to six) will be listed as usual. The number
of changing (non-permanent) beers should also be given, plus
whether these *tend* to be sourced locally, regionally or
nationally (pick one option only) and which breweries these
might often come from (up to three examples). House beers,
if the originating brewery is known, are to be listed separately.

An example of this would be as follows (dispense symbols
not included in example but will remain as before):

**Elland Best Bitter, Nettle Thrasher; Thwaites Original;
house beer (by Shires); 4 changing beers (sourced regionally;
often Marston's, Salopian, Three Tuns)**

This breaks down as follows:

Elland Best Bitter, Nettle Thrasher; Thwaites Original;

The permanent/regular beers (up to six permitted), in the
established format.

house beer (by Shires);

House beer – if relevant. The originating brewery name ***must***
be provided if a house beer is to be listed.

**4 changing beers (sourced regionally; often Marston's,
Salopian, Three Tuns)**

Changing or non-permanent beers (formerly 'guest beer(s)',
'seasonal beer(s)' or 'Beer range varies')

This part will comprise:

- Number of changing beers commonly on offer. As the
number of changing beers might vary, an approximation is
fine.
- Area from which it appears a pub *generally* sources its
beers (locally, regionally ***or*** nationally – in relation to the
location of the pub in question; please indicate ***one*** option
only). ***NOTE: Previously there has been some
misunderstanding surrounding the use of these terms.
They are not meant to indicate local/regional/national in
relation to brewery size.***
- Examples of brewers (not beers) that are often featured.
Please provide up to three examples, listed in alphabetical
order.

LOCALE – IMPORTANT

Please indicate if a pub is an accredited member of CAMRA's
LocAle scheme. This scheme is administered locally at branch
level, so, if you are unsure, or require further information,
please speak to your branch contact.

GBG SURVEY GUIDELINES CONTINUED



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MISLEADING DISPENSE

Venues using even one misleading method of sale or dispense should not be considered for the Guide. This includes practices like using handpumps for products other than live beer, so please look out for this on the bar when surveying. If needed, advice about specific instances of potentially misleading dispense can be sought from the Technical Advisory Group - please contact tag@camra.org.uk for guidance.

PUB FEATURES

When carrying out a survey, look for unusual features inside and outside the pub, such as windows carrying the motif of a long-defunct brewery or special architectural, design or furnishing features, such as wood panelling, beams, inglenooks, hops above the bar, and old settles.

HISTORIC PUBS

Seek out the history of the pub: some pubs of historic interest often have printed information available. Is the pub near places of interest, such as castles or museums? Please add any details to the description.

PUBS WITH IMPORTANT HISTORIC INTERIORS

If an entry has been identified by CAMRA as having a pub interior of outstanding national or regional importance, please include a reference to this in the description using the term 'Has been identified by CAMRA as having a nationally (or regionally, as applicable) important historic pub interior.' Consult www.heritagepubs.org.uk for more information.

PUBS SERVING FOOD

When a pub serves food you consider to be of outstanding quality, mention some of the dishes available. It doesn't have to be haute cuisine. Mention vegetarian, vegan or organic dishes if available. If a pub serves food all day, please mention this as well.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Does the pub attract special interest groups such as quiz, darts, cricket and football teams? Has the same family run the pub for several decades or more? Please include in the description.

TFL/TRAM SYMBOL

The TFL roundel only denotes London Underground, Overground and Docklands Light Railway (DLR). If the pub is outside London and near a tram or light rail service, please use the tram/light rail symbol.

BUS SYMBOL

Please make sure that you list the bus routes (up to two) when this symbol is ticked. If there are more than two nearby bus routes please include the symbol but DO NOT list the routes as we cannot put these into the Guide due to space constraints.

DOG FRIENDLY

Dogs are welcome inside the pub (not just in the garden or car park). Always ask the licensee/owner before indicating that a pub is dog friendly. Please state in the description if there are any restrictions on where dogs are welcome, eg not in the restaurant area.

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS (WHEELCHAIR ACCESS)

In the past this symbol has been used inaccurately for entries. When considering whether or not to tick the 'facilities' box, please check that there is acceptable wheelchair access to the main parts of the pub and that there are appropriate lavatory facilities – this means doors that will accommodate wheelchairs, and fitted handrails. Many publicans will say that their pub is wheelchair accessible but, often, it is not.

REAL CIDER

CAMRA's definition of real cider has changed. If the maker is not on the map featured on this link: <https://camra.org.uk/beer-and-cider/cider/promoting-real-cider-and-perry> then it is not real and the real cider box should not be checked. A pub or club only has to sell one real cider to qualify for the symbol. Up to two regular real ciders can be mentioned in the description.

LIVE MUSIC SYMBOL

This symbol was new for the 2024 Guide. Please ensure it is correctly used on entries put forward for the 2025 edition.

SAMPLE ENTRIES

Wreking

Time Machine

56 St Peters Street, AL1 2DZ (north end, on roundabout, jct with Hatfield Road)
☎ (01483) 722818

Courage Directors ☑; 4 changing beers (sourced nationally) ☑

One of the best in the Wetherspoon's chain, with friendly and efficient staff dispensing four rapidly changing guests. With an ideal town-centre location handy for the railway station and bus bays, the pub is unofficially known as the 'waiting room'. The theme is HG Wells – note the invisible man and time machine clock that goes backwards on the ceiling operated by a push button. Though it can be lively and bustling, particularly at weekends, there are quiet nooks and crannies. 🍷🍺🍻🍹🍸🍩🍪🍫🍬🍭🍮🍯🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯

West Nickham

Bull & Bush

194 Bush Road, Nickham Bush, TN12 5LW
(1 mile NE of Nickham via Pound Rd)
☎ (01622) 871349

🌐 bushatnickham.co.uk

5 changing beers (sourced locally; often Belchers, Throtley) ☑

The publican is a cask beer enthusiast. He stages regular mini-festivals (see website). Seasonal ales feature strongly and a beer menu on a chalkboard lists forthcoming attractions. The pub is divided into two rooms, separated by a large brick fireplace that burns logs in winter. Traditional pub food is served in the evening (Tue–Sat). Bat & Trap is played. 🍷🍺🍻🍹🍸🍩🍪🍫🍬🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯

Eastwich

Cleric's Table

34–36 Fishpool Street, SG1 6CF
☎ (01603) 666242

Black Sheep Best Bitter; Caledonian Deuchars IPA; house beer (by Tring) ☑; 2 changing beers (sourced regionally) ☑/☑

Handy for the railway station, the pub plays host to many clubs and sports teams, including the Spudbashers Pipe Smoking Club, who now meet in an outside, covered smoking area. Quality ales are served in a convivial atmosphere. There is a rare billiards tables along with shove ha'penny and quoits. Eastwich City supporters (the Sparrows) use the pub on match days. Its large garden is popular in summer. Dogs are welcome in the front bar. 🍷🍺🍻🍹🍸🍩🍪🍫🍬🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯🍭🍮🍯