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'World's best' B&B and bay hotel up for excellence awards

» AN AWARD-winning Torquay bed and breakfast hotel has been given another accolade.

The 25 B&B in Avenue Road has already been named best B&B in the world by users of the Tripadvisor website for the second year running.

Now it is one of two Torquay hotels in the finals of VisitEngland's annual national awards for excellence.

Babbacombe's Cary Arms is also among the finalists.

Owner Peter de Savary said: "How exciting!

"The staff at the Cary Arms deserve the credit for this honour, which is also very beneficial for Devon and Torbay.

"A big thank you also to our loyal clientele who have continued to support us and visit post lockdown."

Applications were put forward for national judging from businesses across England including hotels, self-catering accommodation providers, B&Bs, glamping operators, attractions, restaurants, pubs, museums, and conference centres.

The 53 finalists will now go on to compete in 15 categories.

VisitEngland chief executive Sally Balcombe said: "These awards celebrate businesses and individuals who have exceeded expectations and delivered excellence during the last 18 months.

"Millions of jobs and local economies depend on tourism and this year's awards are also a timely opportunity to acknowledge the determination and dedication of tourism businesses across the country who have worked extremely hard to reopen and welcome visitors back safely."

The 25 is one of the finalists in the B&B and Guest House of the Year category.

The Cary Arms and Spa is up for Small Hotel of the Year.