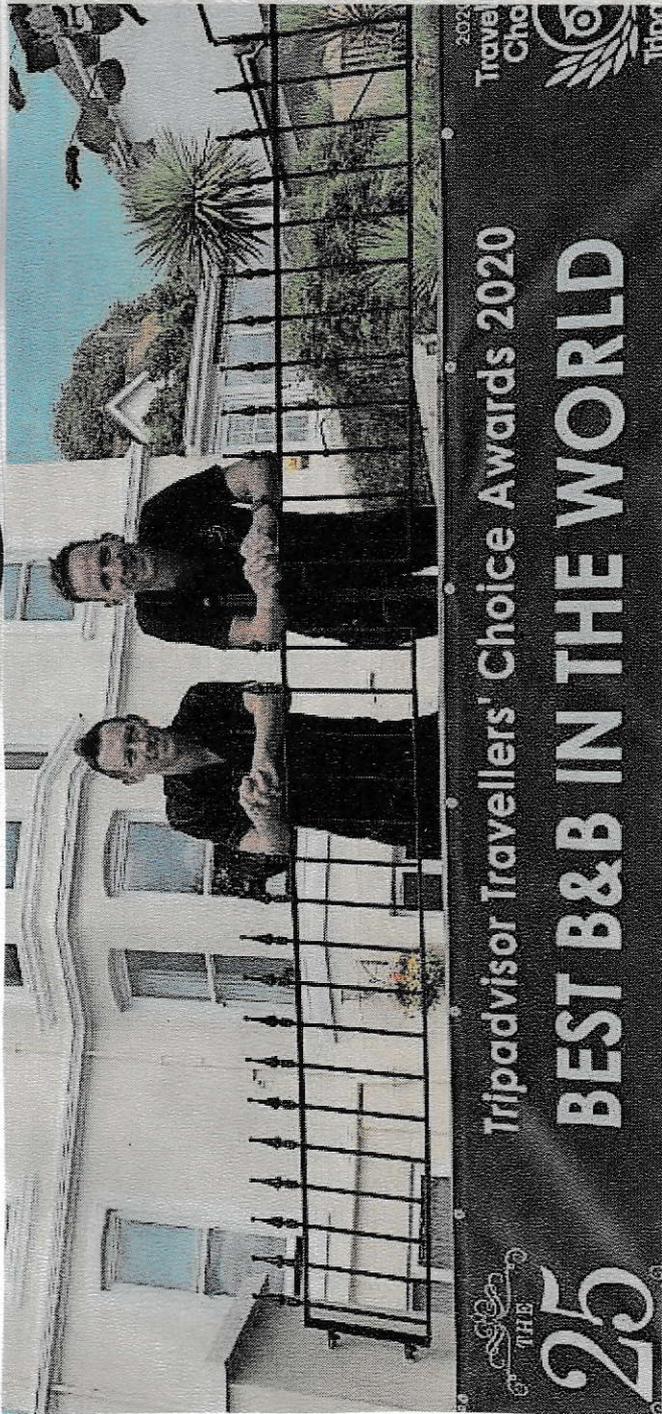


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Jane and John Dadds at The Haytor Hotel

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# Tourism boost as Torbay B&Bs declared 'the best in the land'

**Torbay is the best in the land for its B&Bs – and for a touch of romance as well.**

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Andy Banner-Price, who runs the business with husband Julian, said: "We were thrilled to have made it to fifth best B&B in the world and second in the UK this year.

"We've now been in the top ten B&Bs in the UK six years in a row which is difficult to achieve and maintain.

"We're so proud of our fellow Travellers' Choice winners also representing the English Riviera with their wins, proving how high the quality and friendliness of the accommodation is within our world-leading resort.

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The Haytor Hotel in Meadfoot Road, Torquay, has been crowned Most Romantic Hotel in the UK.

John Dodds, who only bought the hotel with wife Jane in 2019, said: "We can create the ambience and atmosphere but it's our guests who make the romance."

The Elmdene comes eighth in the world and fourth in Europe and the UK.

The Somerville places 11th in the world and fifth in Europe and the UK.

The Kingsolm Hotel in Torquay, Sampford Guest House in Brixham, and Stover Lodge in Torquay rank 11th, 13th and 16th in the UK respectively.

In the Most Romantic Hotels category, The Haytor was named number one in the UK, seventh in Europe and 18th in the world. Also in Torquay, the Crowndale Hotel ranks seventh in the UK.

In the Small Stays category, Trelawney Hotel in Torquay ranked 20th in the world, eighth in Europe and second in the UK. The Haytor was placed sixth in the UK.

English Riviera BID Company chief executive Carolyn Custerson was delighted.

She said: "For the first time ever all of

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Devon's B&B Tripadvisor Travellers Choice Awards have been awarded to B&Bs on the English Riviera.

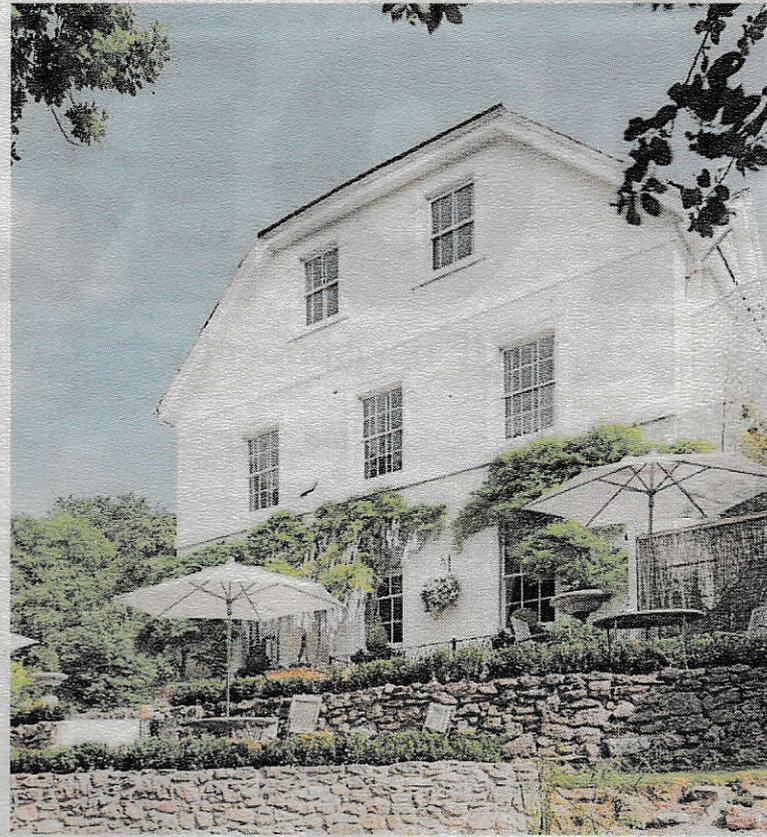
"Based on real holidaymakers views these prestigious annual awards highlight favourite places to stay and are very much sought after by businesses to help them promote their businesses and attract new customers.

"Winning global awards like these is simply magnificent and helps us all to shout from the roof tops and about the amazing quality of accommodation we have here and raise the profile for the English Riviera.

"I would encourage all tourism businesses to actively encourage their customers to feedback via Tripadvisor which is the world's largest travel guidance platform available and reaches millions."

ERBID Company chairman Tim Godfrey said: "This is absolutely wonderful news and a true reflection of the exceptionally high standard of B&B accommodation we have here."

This year's awards builds on Torquay winning Top Staycation Destination in the TripAdvisor Awards last year.



The Haytor Hotel, Torquay – voted the Most Romantic Hotel in the UK



Andy and Julian Banner-Price, who own award-winning The 25 Boutique in Torquay

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