



● Celebrating The New Plough being voted the number one watering hole in Lincolnshire are Chris, Sharon (right) and assistant manager Louise Lidgard.

Simply the best

The New Plough



Covenham St Bartholomew



A "MAGICAL haven" has ploughed through the competition to hit the top spot in a pub contest. The New Plough, at Covenham, has been officially voted the number one watering hole in Lincolnshire.

It is now proud holder of the Lincolnshire County Council funded Taste Of Lincolnshire trophy, after mystery drinkers and diners made two secret visits to the rural venue.

Owners Chris Noble and wife Sharon were "over the moon" with the accolade.

Sharon said: "We are now officially an award-winning pub.

"I think the quality of the food clinched it. It is fresh and nothing is out of packets."

The non-smoking pub boasts a 60-seater restaurant, lounge area and small bar.

Punters from as far afield as Boston and Lincoln come to sample the pub's charms.

The final mystery shopper report read: "Do we tell you about this one? We

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cannot keep it a secret. It's a brilliant place and you must visit."

The Batemans brewery pub can also boast being the first winner of the competition, which is in its fledgling year.

It was particularly commended for its reliance on purely local produce.

Project manager Mary Powell said: "I have eaten at the pub myself and they really have got it spot on.

"It is all about the local sourcing, using Lincolnshire produce, and then remembering to tell the customer about it. People do want to know these things.

"They are just doing it so well."

Sharon added: "It works because my husband does the cooking and we are both qualified chefs.

"All of our staff have a good knowledge of where our food comes from, and can always answer a query if asked."