



South of Scotland Thistle Awards

2025 Finalists

Best B&B or Guest House Experience	Applegarth House Bed and Breakfast, Lockerbie Clint Lodge, Melrose
Best Bar or Pub	Cross Keys Inn, Ettrickbridge Steam Packet Inn, Isle of Whithorn The Gordon Arms, Gordon
Best Community Tourism & Events Initiative	A' the Airts, Sanquhar Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities, Kirkcudbright Stranraer Oyster Festival, Stranraer
Best Eating Experience	Field Fare, Auldirth The Homestead Café and Farm Shop, Coldstream Wilson's Farm and Kitchen, Morebottle
Best Hotel Experience – sponsored by Shortridge	Knockinaam Lodge, Stranraer The Murray Arms, Gatehouse of Fleet The Ship Inn, Gatehouse of Fleet
Best Outdoor or Adventure Experience	Faldonside Eco LLP, Melrose Mostly Ghostly, Thornhill Neth Hill Border Collies, Heriot
Best Self-Catering or Unique Stay	Galloway Activity Centre, Loch Ken Bothies The Green House, Ettrickbridge The Open Book, Wigtown The Outdoor Hotel, Auldirth
Best Visitor Attraction	Robert Smail's Printing Works (NTS), Innerleithen The Moffat Distillery, Moffat Trimontium Museum, Melrose
Climate Action Award	Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Partnership The Green House, Ettrickbridge Wigwam Holidays, Wigtown
Employer of the Year	The Cairndale Hotel & Spa, Dumfries
Inclusion Award	Airhouses, Lauder The Devil's Porridge Museum, Easttriggs The Great Tapestry of Scotland, Galashiels
Individual of the Year	Jamie Muirhead - Laggan Joan McAlpine - Robert Burns Ellisland Museum & Farm Katrina Reynolds - Allanton Inn
Innovation Award – sponsored by Laggan	Museum of Lead Mining, Wanlockhead The Moffat Distillery, Moffat Trimontium Museum, Melrose
Outstanding Cultural Event or Festival – sponsored by DG Unlimited	Big Burns Supper, Dumfries Dumfries International Street Food Festival, Dumfries DunsPlayFest, Duns Spring Fling, Dumfries & Galloway
Rising Star Award	Laura Raeburn - Park Hotel (Crieff Hydro Group) Stewart Wilson - Tweed Valley Blogger Zoey Darnbrough - Annandale Distillery Group



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Outstanding Sporting Event	The Gralloch, Gatehouse of Fleet
Outstanding Sporting Event	Tour of Britain, Scottish Borders
Best Luxury Experience	Knockinaam Lodge, Portpatrick