

# LOWER KEATS GLAMPING

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## Three is the Magic Number

Earlier this year, Lower Keats Glamping, a luxury glamping site run by Linda and Gary Kellaway in Tytherleigh, Devon, won Gold for *Glamping Business of the Year* in the Devon 2022-23 Tourism Awards.

Now the couple are celebrating again as they have received a trio of Bronze awards in the latest round of Devon 2023-24 Tourism Awards, the results for which were announced during the awards ceremony held on the 16th November at The Riveria Centre, Torquay.

In addition to their Gold, Lower Keats has achieved a further Bronze award for *Glamping Business of the Year*, while also receiving Bronze in the *Accessible and Inclusive Tourism* and *Ethical, Responsible and Sustainable Tourism* categories.

They are both tremendously pleased, especially as they have worked hard to make sure that Lower Keats is as inclusive and sustainable as possible.

"We're so grateful to receive awards in these categories." Said Linda "It's a huge accolade."

Since opening in 2016, Linda and Gary have been committed to improving facilities at Lower Keats to enhance its accessibility. Wheelchair-friendly pathways, handrails, and ramps enable easy access around the site, and their 'Beer' lodge boasts a wood-fired hot tub with raised seating, so that less mobile guests can enjoy a luxurious dip. Linda and Gary also offer bespoke animal feeding sessions and are pleased their farm animals have been recognised for the positive contribution they make to guests' wellbeing.

Sustainability has always been an important part of the Lower Keats experience too. The safari lodges are all powered by solar energy and to save water, they have eco-aerated taps. A designated recycling area encourages guests to recycle, and EVs, mobility scooters, and e-bikes can all be charged onsite. Furthermore, Linda and Gary have planted numerous native trees, and each spring they take part in 'No Mow May' to increase biodiversity. They are also incredibly proud to be commended for their collaboration with local suppliers.

"Connecting with local suppliers and singing their praises is very important to us, not just to lower our carbon footprint, but also because it builds a resilient community. Plus, we really do believe that the produce we stock in the Lower Keats honesty shop is some of the finest in the South West!" Said Linda.

Awards organiser Robin Barker of Services for Tourism commented: "What an extraordinary industry and county this is! Whatever is thrown at this sector there is a dynamic core that bypasses the hurdles and continues to innovate and invest – and what's also great is that entries into the awards are up – especially in the Ethical Responsible and Sustainable, and Accessible and Inclusive Tourism categories – all of them so central to a thriving region."

Nestled in the Axe Valley, Lower Keats offers six luxury safari lodges with wood-fired hot tubs and uninterrupted countryside views. There is a well-stocked honesty shop, extensive meadows, delicious pizza nights, and everything you could want for a relaxing stay in the county. Prices start from £685 for a three-day break. To book your place, visit the Lower Keats website: [www.lowerkeatsglamping.co.uk](http://www.lowerkeatsglamping.co.uk)

