

BEST GASTROPUB

The Hammer & Pincers

A vigorous approach to flavour distinguishes the first-rate food at Danny and Sandra Jiminson's pub and dining rooms. The menu here is inspired by glorious North Leicestershire produce. Game comes from the Widmerpool Estate while other meat travels 100 yards from village butcher Collington's, one of the few with its own abattoir. Fillet of beef is an absolute revelation, while porcini soup with truffle just reeks of the forest floor. A tasting menu at just £35 might offer these plus the likes of seared foie gras or curried scallops with cumin-scented cauliflower purée. The cooking here is bold and exciting but never resorts to novelty.



5 East Road, Wymeswold, Loughborough. Tel: 01509 880735

Runners-up

The Crown & Plough

This pub prides itself on its commitment to using locally sourced ingredients
East End, Long Clawson. Tel: 01644 822322

The Waggon & Horses

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