

### Changes to the National Quality Inspection Scheme for Hotels and Guest Accommodation

The diamond ratings that were previously awarded to guest accommodation (B&Bs and Guest Houses) are gradually being replaced by stars. As a result hotels and guest accommodation are now both assessed under a star system but under separate categories for quality and facilities.

The star rating system provides guidance to our visitors of the style and quality of each of the establishments. Please note however that a hotel star rating demands a considerably different set of requirements such as restaurants and bars that would not apply to a guest house where the rating relates more to the comfort and style of the rooms available.

As this is a new development, you will find some entries in this guide still have diamond ratings. The new star ratings are designed to meet the greater expectations of consumers with regards to quality and facilities. Higher ratings are therefore more difficult to achieve than under the diamond scheme. Guest accommodation that previously held a four diamond rating may have been re-assessed under the new standards as three stars but this does not necessarily mean that their quality standards have dropped.

Should you have any doubt about the ratings or as to whether an establishment is a hotel or a guest house, please either call any of our Tourist Information Centres or the establishment itself who will be pleased to provide detailed information enabling you to enjoy your stay in The National Forest & Beyond.

**Ashby de la Zouch Tourist Information Centre – Tel: 01530 411 767**  
**Burton upon Trent Tourist Information Centre – Tel: 01283 508 111**  
**Swadlincote Tourist Information Centre – Tel: 01283 222 848**