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## **Westcountry Leisure Pools named as WINNER at the annual British Pool & Hot Tub Awards 2017**

Westcountry Leisure Pools based in Newton Abbot, Devon is celebrating after collecting Gold and Bronze Awards at the prestigious British Pool & Hot Tub Awards, hosted by BISHTA and SPATA, held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, at the Ricoh Arena, in Coventry. The British and Irish Spa and Hot Tub Association (BISHTA) and the Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association (SPATA) are the relevant bodies upholding standards within the Wet Leisure Industry. Rebranded in 2015, the first SPATA awards were won in 1978, and the first BISHTA awards were won in 2008. These well-established awards are the UK's number one wet leisure industry accolades.

The SPATA Gold Award was presented to Westcountry Leisure Pools for the Residential Outdoor Pools over £125,000 category. This swimming pool sits beautifully in its dramatic natural surroundings mirroring the colour of the sea and the recycled natural York stone copings age the pool beyond its years.

**Mark Gilpin from Westcountry Leisure Pools said:** "It is fantastic to be recognised by SPATA at the British Pool & Hot Tub awards this year. Taking home Gold and Bronze SPATA awards is a great achievement especially alongside such worthy contenders. As the industry body, SPATA's recognition is a testament to the hard work our entire team."

### **About the British Pool & Hot Tub Awards**

The mission of the British Pool & Hot Tub Awards is to recognise the achievements of the wet leisure industry, by showcasing the best examples of design, construction, installation and innovation. Entries are nationwide from members of SPATA and BISHTA, who work to set standards governing the installation, construction and operation of hot tubs, swim and exercise spas, pools, spas, saunas and steam rooms. Along with establishing a Code of Ethics by which their members abide, the Trade Associations give a voice to the industry. With nearly thirty award categories, the British Pool & Hot Tub Awards reflect the types of pools, spas and hot tubs to suit all types of budgets.

Entering the British Pool & Hot Tub Awards also opens the door to Europe! Award-winning companies are eligible to be shortlisted for the European Pool & Spa Awards hosted by EUSA (European Union of Swimming Pool and Spa Associations). Winning these awards shines a spotlight on the UK winners raising their profiles in the UK and across Europe.

Sponsors of the SPATA Awards are; Astralpool UK, Calorex Heat Pumps, Certikin International, Fi-Clor, Golden Coast, Heatstar, ISPE, Nsure, OASE, Plastica, Pollet Pool Group, Sprayed Concrete Solutions. Other British Pool & Hot Tub Award sponsors and partners are; Spa Time, Compass Pools, Complete Pool Controls, Elite Spas, Spa Crest Europe, Swimming Pool News and What Pool & Hot Tub Magazine.

The British Pool & Hot Tub awards are held at the Industry Gala Dinner during SPATEX, the UK's largest Pool, Spa and Wellness Show. SPATEX is an exhibition that sees companies from across the UK and overseas promoting their products and services, along with an opportunity to network with colleagues. SPATEX is not only the UK's largest but is also the longest running dedicated swimming pool, spa and wellness exhibition, celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary as an annual trade show. SPATEX is in the Ericsson Exhibition Hall at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.