

Creative Outdoor Area of the year



Stylish refurbishment: Bill Turnbull, the White Horse's Jo Drain and Steve Haslam, and head of HoReCa and vending at JTI Jonathan Yajima

White Horse Ramsden Heath, Essex

Jo Drain and Steve Haslam received high praise from the judges for not compromising on quality even though costs were spiralling during the restoration of the White Horse.

What was originally a £500,000 refurb rocketed to £1.5m and took 14 months to complete, with Enterprise Inns contributing £1m to the cost.

The judges thought both parties

deserved credit for not skimping on standards.

The end result is a sumptuous interior and stunning outdoor space. The external works and equipment cost about £150,000 with stylish tables and chairs for alfresco dining, more traditional wooden tables for drinkers, a smart outdoor bar, toilets, a marquee for functions, and top quality children's play equipment.