Raising a glass to success at the Billet

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Cheers to the licensees of Burnley's best bar.

Alison Leigh and husband Paul Miller who run village pub The Crooked Billet in Worsthorne have received their trophy and certificate for being voted the best pub around, in a Burnley Express competition.

And they reckon it's all down to putting the Billet at the heart of the village community.

The couplewere delighted when representatives from East Lancashire Newspapers' promotion department handed over the award following a reader vote involving 15 local pubs and clubs.

Alison said: "That's brilliant, we want to thank our customers and a lot of support from the village."



Paul Miller and Alison Leigh with the Burnley Express's Burnley Bar of the Year award.

Alison (46) and Paul (55), who have two sons Alex (7) and Louka (4), bought the pubthreeyearsago. Alison has lived in Worsthorne since she was a teenager and has helped out behind the bar since she was 17.

They hold charity fundraisers for St John's Church and Pendleside Hospice and have events on most nights for the community including Spanish classes, dominoes, a mountain bike club, quiz night, a men's get together, karaoke and soul nights, even mini buses to the Turf!