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Inaugural Great Coast-to-Coast Charity Dinner, held at The Alverton, Truro, raises £16,000 in aid of Hospitality Action

The **Great Coast-to-Coast Charity Dinner**, which took place at the Cornwall Hotel Collection's The Alverton, in the heart of Truro, on Thursday evening, raised a spectacular £16,000 for industry charity Hospitality Action.

The inaugural event saw more than a dozen leading chefs from all corners of Cornwall come together to cook a gastronomic, five-course dinner celebrating some of the county's finest ingredients and products for 120 guests.

[Hospitality Action](#) aims to support or assist anyone who works or has worked in the hospitality industry in the UK and has fallen on hard times – be it financial, physical, or mental. In short, it is a helping hand when help is needed.



In a true celebration of everything Cornwall's coastline has to offer, some of the county's most high-profile chefs took over The Alverton's kitchen for the evening of **Thursday, 27 February**. Visting chefs included many stars of BBC Two's Great British Menu – Kota and Kota Kai's Jude Kereama, who created the concept for the night, The Sardine Factory's Ben Palmer, Chris Eden, who recently took up the reins in the kitchen at the Watergate Bay, 2018's South West Chef of the Year Tim Kendall, and

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Cornwall Hotel Collection's very own Executive Chef Nick Hodges.

The chefs served their magnificent dinner in the hotel's historic Great Hall, a room that dates back to 1830. The meal highlighted the very best seafood, grass-fed meats and harvest available across the Duchy in a culinary experience that delighted all its guests. The menu was accompanied by an alcoholic pairing carefully tailored to each dish.



Ben Young, managing director of the Cornwall Hotel Collection, which owns The Alverton, and an ambassador for Hospitality Action, commented: "What an incredible evening raising much-needed funds for Hospitality Action, a charity close to all our hearts, and it was such a unique opportunity to host so many of the Duchy's finest chefs in our kitchen here at The Alverton. We are grateful to everyone who supported – in the dining room and back of house – as well as all the fantastic suppliers and industry colleagues who donated ingredients, products, and prizes to help us reach our target."

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(Pic caption: Hospitality Action Ambassadors Simon Numphud from AA Media, Ben Young of Cornwall Hotel Collection, who hosted the event at The Alverton, and former head of hospitality studies at Cornwall College, Stuart Mathieson)

Jude Kereama, chef-proprietor of Kota and Kota Kai in Porthleven, who is also an ambassador for Hospitality Action and the architect of the dinner, added: "We all loved working together to support Hospitality Action, a charity that means so much to all of us. The atmosphere in the kitchen was electric and we're absolutely thrilled that our guests had such a sensational time raising £16,000 for the charity. It will make a huge difference, and I hope this dinner will be the first of many to be staged the south-west."

The chefs:

Representing West Cornwall

Team captain: Jude Kereama, Kota and Kota Kai
Mick Smith, Porthminster Group

Representing North Cornwall

Team captain: Chris Eden, Watergate Bay Hotel
Andrew Tuck, The Tartan Fox
Stephane Delourme, independent private chef

Representing South Cornwall

Team captain: Tim Kendall, Owner & chef, The Rising Sun Inn at Altarnun
Joe Fallowfield, Fallowfields
Nigel Brown, Edie's Kitchen

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Representing East Cornwall

Team captain: Ben Palmer, chef-owner, The Sardine Factory
Nikos Oikonomopolous, Yamas
Fred Alsop, The Fishmarket

The home team

Team captain: Nick Hodges, Cornwall Hotel Collection
Ollie Wyatt, head chef, The Alverton
Howard Sellers, Bango Kitchen

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Please visit www.thealverton.co.uk for more information or contact Stephanie Dale at stephanie.dale@cornwallhotelcollection.co.uk for further details and image requests.

Notes to editors:

- The Grade II-listed hotel has stood on its hillside setting since 1830, within the Cornish capital city of Truro.
- The Alverton features 53 characterful bedrooms including nine suites, a restaurant and bar, events rooms, an al fresco terrace and charming private gardens. The Great Hall, the setting for the event, was built in the 19th century with gothic-revival arched ceilings and stained-glass windows.

