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UK CHIPPY CHAMPIONS BATTERING IT OUT TODAY!

The UK's top 10 best independent take-away fish and chip shops have their chip forks sharpened and are ready as they take part in the final judging to be crowned Britain's best chippy at the National Fish & Chip Awards, organised by Seafish, the authority on seafood.

Taking place at the Riverbank Park Plaza Hotel in London the 10 shops will present to a panel of industry experts who will decide if they receive the crown.

The shops competing are:

- Scotland: The Bay, Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire
- Wales: Crispy Cod, Tonyrefail, Mid Glamorgan
- Northern Ireland: Pit Stop, Kilkeel, County Down
- North East: Quayside, Whitby, North Yorkshire
- North West: Seniors, Thornton, Lancashire
- Midlands: The Big Fish, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire
- Eastern: Linfords, Market Deeping, Lincolnshire
- London & South East: Seafare, Worplesdon Rd, Guildford, Surrey
- Central & South: Wigmore, Luton, Bedfordshire
- South West: Hanbury's, Babbacombe, Devon

Fish & Chips factoids

- In 2011, Lady Gaga made a late night stop with her tour bus for fish and chips in Marylebone, London. The bus wasn't able to park outside the chippy so her security team went to pick up the takeaway while they found a suitable parking spot.
- Mike Tindall (international rugby player), Paulo Nutini (musician) and Stacey Solomon (singer/TV presenter) used to work in fish and chip shops before they were famous.
- The world's largest fish and chip portion was made in July 2011 at the Wensleydale Heifer, Yorkshire.
- Fish and chip shops are spreading fast in South Africa and visibly booming. The Old Fashioned Fish and Chips chain, which claims to have got in first, doubled its reach last year and plans to keep expanding.
- The chips eaten in Great Britain each year come from potatoes weighing the equivalent of nearly 2.9 million Formula 1 cars. Laid end to end, those chips would take you around Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit over 1.5 million times – equivalent to more than 26,000 British Grand Prix's.

If you'd like to interview any of the winners or the host, Richard Corrigan please contact Chris Bone, Blair Grant or Alana Irwin at 3x1 Public Relations on 0141 221 0707.

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Notes to Editors

- Sponsors of the 2012 Independent Takeaway Fish & Chip Shop of the Year award are: AAK Foodservice, ABEX Fish Salters Ltd, A G Barr, BDSigns, Dinaclass, Friars Pride, Henry Colbeck, Henry Jones, Norwegian Seafood Export Council, V A Whitley
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