



## Ashley Binder Appointed as Head Chef at Middlethorpe Hall, York

- 2 AA Rosette Restaurant and 'Restaurant of the Year 2015' Visit York Awards
- Middlethorpe Hall is part of the National Trust and one of three Historic House Hotels

Ashley Binder has been appointed as Head Chef at Middlethorpe Hall in York. Ashley joined Middlethorpe Hall back in 2008 as Chef de Partie before working his way up to Sous Chef.

Ashley is an experienced local who has previously worked with Tom Van Zeller in Harrogate. But it is at Middlethorpe Hall's 60 cover restaurant that Ashley has excelled being part of the award winning team who won the 'Restaurant of the Year' award both in 2015 and 2013' at the Visit York Awards.

Middlethorpe Hall is a 17th century William and Mary country house standing in 20 acres of manicured gardens and parkland just outside of the historic medieval city of York. Its 29 bedrooms are all individually furnished and many offer stunning views of the grounds surrounding the hotel.

Commenting on his appointment, Ashley said; "I am delighted at the opportunity and look forward to working with the team, to uphold the long established reputation for traditional excellence for food at Middlethorpe Hall. My long experience with the company means that I believe I understand our guests' expectations and requirements, and my Yorkshire roots will allow me to increase even further our relationship with the fantastic local farmers, fishmongers and butchers. I am also very keen to work closely with the garden team here, to make more use of the fresh herbs, fruits and vegetables from the Potager".



The classically panelled dining room overlooking the magnificent gardens are a special feature of Middlethorpe and provide the perfect setting for the excellent British food with both traditional and contemporary touches for which the hotel has been awarded two AA Rosettes.

General Manager Lionel Chatard comments; "It is always a proud moment for an employer to see one's employee learn, develop and flourish over the years and to be able to support them in achieving their professional goal. Having witnessed Ashley's passion and commitment over the last 8 years, I have complete confidence of his success in his new role".

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B&B priced from £199.00 per night based on two sharing

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