

## ISSUED ON BEHALF OF HASTINGS HOTELS

### HASTINGS HOTELS DOES THE *WAGGLE DANCE* WITH NEW HONEY SUPPLIER

HASTINGS Hotels has continued its commitment to supporting local food producers by signing a new deal with Portadown beekeeper Lyndon Wortley to supply his Waggle Dance Honey, made in Northern Ireland, to its six hotels.

Howard Hastings, Managing Director of Hastings Hotels said: “Food provenance is of utmost importance to us and we have worked hard to ensure that where possible, we buy locally produced ingredients for our guests to enjoy. Which is why I am delighted that we have secured a new partnership for locally produced Waggle Dance Honey from Lyndon Wortley, who is a prominent member of the Northern Ireland Beekeeping Association.

“At breakfast our porridge oats come from White’s in Tandragee and this is accompanied by fresh cream from Farmview Dairies in Belfast or Bushmills Whiskey. And now for the first time, we are able to offer our guests a honey accompaniment from Portadown.

“The honey that Lyndon produces collaboratively with other local NI Beekeepers, Waggle Dance, is named after the figure-eight dance of the honey bee, as it searches for pollen and indicates the best places to search to its fellow bees. The honey is also being used to glaze the vegetables in our special menus during February, when ‘Love Local’ is the theme throughout the province for the 2016 Northern Ireland Year of Food & Drink,” Howard added.

Local beekeeper Lyndon Wortley said: “I am thrilled to have secured a contract with Hastings Hotels to supply its six hotels with my Waggle Dance Honey. Working alongside my father Leslie, we provide help and accommodation for a few colonies of honey bees, deep in ‘The Garden of Ulster’. I look forward to working with Howard and the chefs in his six hotels to ensure guests from around the world enjoy a true taste of Northern Ireland.”

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