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They're pork of the town

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ALVESTON butchers Perry and Son is once again the region's pork pie prince.

After losing the pie crown last year, the Greenhill Parade business is back on the crust of wave after regaining the champions title at a regional pie and sausage competition organised by the British Pig Executive.

"Our local rivals Mark Carr butchers in Cam took it away from us last and we're delighted to get it back," said butcher Mike Perry.

"We were up against some top butchers from the whole South West region so these awards really count for something. This is our sixth year of competition and we just seem to get better at it. We've practically lost count of al our medals and trophies."

As well as winning pork pie prizes, the firm also impressed the judges with its top quality sausages, walking away with a championship silver tray for its lamb and mint bangers; a gold medal for its sun dried tomato; and silver for its traditional pork, Thai pork and pork and onion marmalade varieties.

It was also another good day for Mike's 23-year-old apprentice Martin Boyle who won a national Student of the Month award in a special meat industry scheme and also scooped a gold medal of his own for his extremely tasty pork and sweet chilli sausages.

For Martin, from Olveston, it was his second success in the last few months, In June, he won an award for a barbecue display he set up at the Alveston shop and for his sausage making skills.

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