

10 countryside restaurant terraces so marvellous they deserve a day trip

Restaurants across the land have transformed every last inch they have into an al fresco paradise - and these are the best

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Sam and Georgie Pearman's Swan Inn in the chocolate box village of Ascott-under-Wychwood is all our cottagecore dreams come true, with roaring fires, exposed stone walls, and floral prints for days. Locals and Londoners, young and old, love it and will be huddling happily together under the stretch tent in the courtyard at every opportunity.

The food finds the sweet spot between dad-friendly pub grub and contemporary locavorism, with toad-in-the-hole and double beef burgers alongside healthy grain bowls, BBQ prawns and Chipping Norton sourdough, and Banbury cake and Westcombe cheddar. We'll have truffled cheese gougères for the table please. The Pearmans' latest venture, the Double Red Duke at Clanfield, opens next month.

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