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## *Ross Chatburn announced as head chef at Oddfellows On The Park*

Oddfellows Hotels has announced Ross Chatburn as head chef at boutique hotel, Oddfellows On The Park.

Ross joins the team at the park side boutique hotel from Hotel Gotham in Manchester, where he held the reins for over 3 years. Before that he opened Tea42 in Manchester and worked as a sous chef at The Bells in Peover.

Ross joins the design-led hotel collection, which prides itself on restoring properties using the history of the building and the location's narrative as inspiration, to head up the entire chef operation from events and occasions to taking the helm at The Galloping Major restaurant.

The Galloping Major was named after the nickname of the characterful previous owner of Bruntwood Hall who was so-called as he was most often found on horseback when the park was run as a private stud. The Galloping Major was responsible for adding the ballroom where the hotel's destination restaurant now sits.

Ross said: 'Oddfellows On The Park is an exciting move for me. I'm working within an independent hotel where I have the opportunity to put my mark on the menus and create some amazing dishes, inspired by the parkland setting.

'I grew up near Bruntwood Park and spent many happy hours here as a child. I'll be using the 120 acres of parkland I know so well to inspire my menus, not only



through foraging but by creating dishes stimulated by it. I have a pigeon dish set to appear soon which perfectly encapsulates the colours of the park in all its autumn glory - with browns, reds, oranges and purple. I'm also in the process of creating a fir-needle vinegar.'

Jonathan Slater of Oddfellows Hotels said: 'Ross is a passionate chef with a brilliant track record within the Manchester restaurant scene. We are delighted to welcome him to our Oddfellows family and are already tremendously impressed with his creativity.'

#### Notes for Editor

Oddfellows Hotels holds two hotels within its collection. Oddfellows Chester is set within a gorgeous Georgian house and holds 18 bedrooms, 4 apartments, restaurant, cocktail bar and secret garden.

Oddfellows On The Park launched in 2017 and is set within a beautiful restoration of a Victorian Hall in the centre of Bruntwood Park, Greater Manchester. It is home to The Galloping Major restaurant, The Stud bar, The Pigsty salon and The Parlor Rooms, a flexible event space that looks out over the acres of parkland. It is the only hotel in the UK outside of London to be welcomed into the global Design Hotels™ consortium and sits alongside hotels like Soho Hotel in London and Gramercy Park Hotel in New York. Designed by Tim Groom Architects, with interiors by SpaceInvader, both Manchester based firms, guests enjoy interesting design

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pieces throughout - including a bike-chain chandelier that is inspired by the Bruntwood Park BMX track and lights up the grand staircase.

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