

# Hotel receives four AA stars after refurbishment

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The **Coniston Hotel** at Coniston Cold has been awarded four stars by the AA.

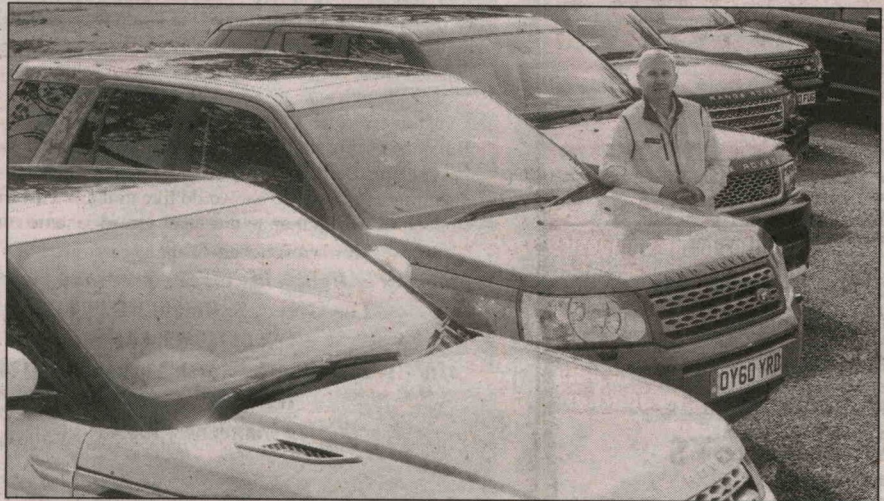
Owned and operated by the Bannister family on the Coniston estate, the 50-bedroom hotel is a popular venue for weddings, leisure breaks and corporate events.

And, on Thursday, the hotel hosted a preview event for one of the most eagerly anticipated cars of 2011.

Dealers and car experts from across the region flocked to the venue to try out the new Range Rover Evoque – the smallest ever Range Rover.

The hotel's AA award comes hot on the heels of redevelopment work, which has seen the creation of The Huntsman's Lodge, a rustic lounge area with a sun terrace overlooking the 24-acre lake, which serves a range of meals and light refreshments through the day.

Managing director Tom Bannister said: "I am delighted that the AA has recognised the efforts we have made in enhancing the facilities and service we offer here at The **Coniston Hotel** and feel that the award is reward for the tremen-



**RECOGNITION: Ed Inglis Range Rover brand ambassador at the launch of the new Evoque at Coniston Hall Hotel, which has been given four AA stars**

dous effort by general manager Louise Bolton and her team."

Opened in 1998, the hotel has seen an upturn in its short breaks and longer holiday bookings.

"At a time when people are put off

from going overseas for a variety of reasons, it's great to see that UK residents are flocking to an area such as the Yorkshire Dales instead and that British holidays are back in fashion," said Mr Bannister.

