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**A Surrey business named Best Independent Italian Restaurant  
Spaghetti Tree in Tadworth wins national recognition in the prestigious  
PAPA Awards**

Spaghetti Tree in Tadworth has won a prestigious PAPA Award recognising the independently owned restaurant as Best Independent Italian Restaurant.

Spaghetti Tree is an independently owned restaurant in the heart of Walton on the Hill. The family owned and run restaurant has been open for over 30 years and prides itself on offering fresh yet affordable home-cooked food.

Owned by Maria Romano, Spaghetti Tree serves an authentic Italian menu with specials like Pappardelle dello Chef and Spaghetti Tree Risotto. Served in a ambient and vibrant restaurant overlooking Waltham pond, Spaghetti Tree has been recognised as the country's Best Independent Italian restaurant.

The PAPA Awards recognise excellence and encourage innovation in the important pizza, pasta and Italian food industry in the UK. Judged by panels of professionals from the industry, the awards are intended to inspire by example, by highlighting those involved in the sector who are pioneering and leading the market, whether in the development of new products or the creation of excellence in the high street.

Hosted by comedian Dominic Holland and celebrity chef, Theo Randall the Gala Dinner celebrated the continuing success and innovation of the UK's pizza, pasta and Italian food industry. This year's 28<sup>th</sup> annual PAPA Awards held on 16 November at the Royal Lancaster London Hotel recognised Spaghetti Tree as a standout Independent Italian Restaurant.

Owner Maria is delighted to be recognised by The PAPA Awards: "We are thrilled to be recognised by The PAPA Awards. We are a small family run business and to be recognised in this way is a fantastic achievement for us. Our aim is always to deliver the best we can and to have this recognition from the PAPA Award judges is a great boost."

Samantha Day of the PAPA Awards, said: "Spaghetti Tree has built a tremendous reputation and the judges comments have solidified the hype. Maria and the team offer an incredible experience where visitors can enjoy an authentic taste of Italy. The judges were impressed with the ambience of Spaghetti Tree and the wonderful menu offering a really varied selection. Winning a PAPA Award is a very significant achievement and is a credit to everyone involved to have achieved it."

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