

Significant Bar and Restaurant investment for Newtownards

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Ulster Bank-supported purchase and refurbishment creates 15 new jobs

15 new jobs have been created as a result of the purchase and renovation of the former Biggles Bar, by new owners Peter and Gavin Bates.

Now called The Courthouse Bar and Restaurant, the establishment, at the junction of Court Square and Castle Street, incorporates a completely redesigned bar/restaurant on the ground floor and is shortly to open a function suite catering for up to 110 on the first floor.

Peter Bates says:

"We purchased the premises, with the Ulster Bank's support, at the end of 2014 and invested significantly in refurbishing them to create a modern bar and restaurant. Food is an important part of our offering, and to compliment this we have an extensive well priced wine list, we also stock a unique range of draught beers along with a good selection of craft beers and spirits and a choice of cocktails."

Ulster Bank's Head of Belfast & North Down Business Centre, Tracey Morrow, says:

"The premises are well-known in Newtownards. We're pleased to be supporting a local business with exciting potential. As a bank, we have significant experience of supporting the hospitality sector and recently introduced a dedicated food and drink proposition to support even more firms with their expansion plans."

"Peter and Gavin have extensive experience in the licensed trade, currently operating the well-known Ryan's Bar in Belfast, having also been involved in a number of other successful businesses both here and in Scotland," she adds.

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