

Chef aiming to serve up glory double



Alan in the dining room at The Royal College of Surgeons

An Edinburgh chef aims to retain his title as Hotel Chef of the Year after winning his regional heat for the Scottish Hotel Awards.

Alan Dickson is head chef at No 10 Restaurant in Ten Hill Place Hotel which is run by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Alan and his team will now face further mystery visits by judges ahead of the national finals.

The 29-year-old will hope to replicate last year's success where he overcame competition from chefs at some of Scotland's

internationally renowned hotels.

Further adding to the potential of silverware this year, Alan and the team have also won the chance to represent the region in the Best Informal Fine Dining Restaurant category.

Alan from Edinburgh's Portobello area, said: "The prospect of being judged by mystery diners is something that will always keep a chef on their toes.

"If we were to win the national award again – particularly given the level of competition on the shortlist – it would be an incredible achievement."

The chef, who began working in hotels as a waiter, aged 15, now heads a 14-strong team.