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Curry house in Bourn named best in the East of England

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Lalbagh owner Miftaur Choudhury Picture by Duncan Lamont

A Bourn eatery has been named the best restaurant in the East of England at the English Curry Awards for the second year running.

Mumitur Choudhury, 29, who runs the Lalbagh Restaurant with his brother, Miftaur Choudhury, 43, was told his restaurant was among three finalists two weeks ago.

A mystery diner visited the restaurant, on Alms Hill in Bourn to judge their food.

The brothers travelled to the Salford City Stadium, in Manchester, for the awards ceremony on Monday.

Mumitur Choudhury said: "When they said our name for the restaurant award our hearts were all over the place, we were excited and happy because we made a great deal of effort."

The 29-year-old said the restaurant struggled at the start because of the recession, but the brothers, who both live in Chesterton, battled through with the help of the village.

Mr Choudhury added: "We couldn't back out.

"We needed to succeed and we poured put our hearts and souls into it.

"The people in the village liked us and we've bonded with the whole community."

The brothers now have a new venture, The Rang Mohol, a Bangladeshi and Indian diner in Sawston which opened on August 21.

There were over 7,000 nominations for 13 categories at the English Curry Awards, and Mumitur Choudhury has now set his sights on the national award.

He said: "We're trying to win the England award.

"As you can imagine that's hard work – but why not?"

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