



Building on success at building excellence awards

South Yorkshire & Humber local authorities held their fourth annual Building Excellence Awards, on Thursday 14th April, 2011 at Forest Pines near Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

The awards recognise building excellence across the region through 2010.

Builders and developers undertaking projects in Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster, North Lincolnshire, Hull, and Barnsley were all eligible to take part in this highly respected, prestigious, Building Control Awards Scheme.

The projects were judged on a range of criteria including compliance with the Building Regulations, accessibility and inclusive environment, sustainability, and client / customer satisfaction.

The guests at the glittering ceremony enjoyed a champagne reception, a delicious three-course meal, entertainment from Peter Kay Tribute, Lee Lard and Andy the Magician, and a charity raffle for Humber Rescue, where prizes included Lee Westwood's golf shoes and a boat ride on the Humber, as well as a number of locally donated prizes.

The event was sponsored by Sandtoft Tiles and JS Supplies, together with national sponsors Exova Warringtonfire, the Roger Bullivant Group, and LABC New Homes Warranty.

The projects that have been successful in the South Yorkshire and Humber Building Excellence Awards 2011 are also eligible for nomination to the National LABC Finals, to be held in London later in the year.

The winners were as follows:

Best Housing Development 1-10 Units

WINNER

PBS Group Ltd – Stonebridge House, Lindrick, Doncaster - Doncaster MBC

Set in a conservation area, this bespoke designed dwelling demanded a sensitive approach to siting, design, and construction. The project demonstrates several aspects of a sustainable approach to design and construction including the use of natural light, sedum roofs and the use of natural stone and untreated oak cladding.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Strata Construction Ltd – Mahon Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham - Rotherham MBC

Rivergate Developments – Rivergate House, Brigg Road, Barton Upon Humber - North Lincs Council

Best Housing Development 11+ Units

WINNER

Keiger Homes Limited – Staindale Road, Scunthorpe - North Lincs Council

Designed and built by Keigar Homes Ltd, a well-established family run, local company, Brat Hill Farm is a large, spacious two to four bedroom development. Maintaining their well-deserved reputation, quality has been in abundance on this development, with the finest of details finished to the highest of specifications.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Bramall Construction Ltd – Mount Vernon Avenue, Worsbrough, Barnsley – Barnsley MBC

Southdale Homes – Camberwell Way, Hull – Hull CC

Best Social or Affordable Housing Development

WINNER

T G Sowerby Developments Ltd – St Catherines Mews, Ancholme Road, Scunthorpe - North Lincs Council

As a social housing project consisting 14 new homes, sustainability has been a key design factor from the outset. The builder has succeeded in delivering a contemporary development, which positively enhances the neighbourhood, is built and finished to the highest standards, and gains a creditable Level 4 standard under the Code for Sustainable Homes assessment by incorporating photovoltaic panels on the roof, air source heat pumps, and facilities for rainwater recycling.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Southdale Homes Ltd – Norfolk Park Site 11, Beldon Road, Sheffield – Sheffield CC

Mansalls – Longfellow 52-54 Hollowgate, Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

Best Community Project

WINNER

Penistone Market, Back Lane, Penistone, Barnsley - Barnsley MBC

Incorporating a unique hand crafted oak frame, this iconic market building of cathedral proportions mixes the traditional with the modern to create a distinctive contemporary building for the town and the community. Reflecting the architecture and materials of the area, the intricate beauty of this building, possibly the largest public oak frame built for hundreds of years, is a testament to the simple, yet ingenious traditional techniques used by the carpenters.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Griffin Primary School, Barham Road, Hull - Hull CC

Ward Green Primary School, Ward Green, Barnsley – Barnsley MBC

Rawmarsh Comprehensive School, Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

Best Domestic Project

WINNER

G. M. Clay – 50 Churchfield Drive, Wickersley, Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

This project exemplifies the best working practices between Local Authority Building Control and an Architectural Practice by virtue of adopting pre-deposit consultation with Building Control Officer's familiar with the local area ground conditions. Engaging in a close working relationship and maintaining clear communication at all times helped the Architect produce an economic & informed design from the outset.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

ADS (Scunthorpe) Ltd – 6 Saxon Court, Bottesford - North Lincs Council

Hector and Cedrick – 36 Birendale View, Sheffield – Sheffield CC

Best Commercial Building up to £1 million

WINNER

Wilberforce 6th Form College, Saltshouse Road, Hull – Hull CC

This attractive single storey clad building provides a vibrant spacious teaching environment for students in the health and caring faculty at east Hull's six-form College.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

C R Parrott Consultants Ltd – Elsham Golf Club, Brigg Road, Elsham – North Lincs Council

Globe Architects Ltd – Stag Medical Centre, Wickersley Road, Broom, Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

Best Commercial Building over £1 million

WINNER

The Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN) - 385A Glossop Road, Sheffield – Sheffield CC

This £12 million facility houses SITraN, a world-leading team involved in researching a cure for motor neurone disease. It features natural materials such as timber and stone and utilises a pallet of natural colours. The design is sympathetic to its challenging site in a Conservation Area and sits amongst residential buildings.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Axis Architecture - Gateway Plaza, Shambles St/Fitzwilliam St/Sackville St, Barnsley – Sheffield CC/Barnsley MBC

G S Kelsey Ltd – Phoenix Parkway, Scunthorpe – North Lincs Council

Best Sustainable Project

WINNER

Southdale Homes – Land Adjacent Eldon Road, Eastwood – Rotherham MBC

This development demonstrated how Code for Sustainable Homes Levels 3, 4 & 5 could be achieved based on a fabric first approach. Key sustainable elements included triple glazing, rainwater harvesting, photo-voltaic and solar panels, Zenex Gas Savers, and Zoned Controlled Central Heating Systems, whilst enhanced ecological features included compost bins, bat boxes, and bumble bee habitat boxes.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Southdale Homes – Greencroft, Broom Valley Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

G. D. Lowther & Son – 165 & 167 Melton Road, Doncaster – Doncaster MBC

Best Restoration and Conversion

WINNER

Burrell Foley Fischer Ltd - Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, Sheffield – Sheffield CC

This excellent £15.3 million full re-furbishment of the Grade II listed Crucible Theatre included fitting a new brass (not glass) roof, reinforcing foundations, new exterior cladding, and an entire new backstage area. Energy efficient glazing was installed throughout and a curved access ramp added to the otherwise angular building.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull – Hull CC

Grange Farm, Carr Lane, Thrybergh, Rotherham – Rotherham MBC

Keresforth House, Dark Lane, Barnsley – Barnsley MBC

Best Partnership with a local authority

WINNER

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Foundation NHS Trust – New Children’s Observation Unit/Children’s Ward, Doncaster Royal Infirmary – Doncaster MBC

This is a long-standing partnership between the trust and Doncaster Building Control, which has been in place for over 11 years. This recent project involved resolving the split site when dealing with both children and neonates, responding to feedback from the service users, and to designing an environment to promote a feeling of wellbeing. The team had a number of limitations including the design needed to be incorporated within an existing building and within time constraints given.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

C R Parrott Consultants Ltd – The Earl of Doncaster, Bennethorpe – North Lincs Council

Architectural Design Partnership Ltd – Griffin Primary School, Barham Road, Hull – Hull CC

Winner amongst Winners

WINNER

Penistone Market, Back Lane, Penistone - Barnsley MBC

Up against some strong competition, this iconic building is one that the local residents can truly be proud of; it is a building not only for the benefit of the people of the town itself, but for the wider community.

Ann Gosse, Barnsley Council’s Executive Director, Development, Environment and Culture, said: "Winning the awards is validation of the pride that I know the project team have in being involved in this landmark development for the town of Penistone and the borough of Barnsley."

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