

# News release



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## Building excellence celebrated in West Yorkshire

Excellence in building was celebrated in Leeds last night at an annual awards ceremony.

The Local Authority Building Control (LABC) West Yorkshire Building Excellence Awards, organised by Leeds City Council and the other four West Yorkshire local authority building control services, celebrated some of the best examples of building across the region at Headingley Stadium.

A total of 11 awards were given to celebrate the excellence of building quality in a variety of projects from domestic extensions to commercial developments which was achieved through building standards, technical innovation and sustainable designs at local level.

### The 2011 LABC Building Excellence Award Winners were:

**Winner Domestic Extension:** 32 Beaumont Park Road, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield – Kirklees Council - Robinson Property Services

**Winner New Single Dwelling:** Westfield House, Westfield Lane, Wooldale, Holmfirth – Kirklees Council - Yorkshire Country Properties Ltd

**Winner Two or more New Dwellings:** Warren Lodge Gardens, Savile Park, Halifax – Calderdale MBC - Towngate Homes

**Winner Affordable and Social Housing:** Grove Mills, Ingrow House, South Street, Keighley – Bradford MDC - Skipton Properties Ltd

**Winner Restoration and Conversion Building:** The Court House, 27 Manor Row, Bradford – Bradford MBC - Solo Construction

**Winner Education Building:** Huddersfield University – Kirklees - BAM Construction Ltd

**Winner Commercial Development:** The Yorkshire County Cricket Club Ltd, Headingley Carnegie Stadium, Headingley Carnegie Cricket Ground, Leeds – Leeds CC - BAM Construction Ltd

**Winner Healthcare Building:** Pinderfields General Hospital, Aberford Road Wakefield - Wakefield MBC - Balfour Beatty Construction Northern Ltd

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**Winner Community Building:** Brighouse Pool and Fitness Centre, Woodvale Road, Brighouse - Calderdale MBC - Willmot Dixon Group

**Winner Sustainability Project:** Treescape, Broomfield Avenue, Halifax – Calderdale MBC - Mr & Mrs O'Toole

**Winner Partnership with a Local Authority:** LNT Construction

The complete list of winners, finalists and project descriptions can be found on the LABC Awards website at <http://www.labcbuildingexcellenceawards.uk.com/west-yorkshire>

This year's winner in Leeds was the Headingley Carnegie Stadium at a cost of £21m and the main contractor was BAM Construction Ltd. The pavilion covers an area of 4,000 sq m and is a multi-purpose building that will operate as a cricket pavilion and media centre during the summer and teaching facility during the academic year.

The new pavilion includes a media centre, hospitality suites and associated facilities, upgraded player facilities, and replacement spectator seating. The new hospitality suites and media centre can also be used as lecture theatres and teaching area.

**Councillor Richard Lewis, executive board member with responsibility for development said:**

“This year's finalists showcased how local authority building control is at the forefront of facilitating high environmental standards in difficult economic circumstances and proving how innovative and sustainable development can also be very cost effective.

“I would like to congratulate all the winners on their efforts.”

The master of ceremonies was Phil Deacon, senior building control surveyor at Calderdale building control who over saw the presentations. This year's awards were attended by over 200 people who were involved in the nominated building projects in the West Yorkshire Region.

The LABC Awards recognise the importance of building control in creating a high quality, sustainable built environment in England and Wales. Local authority building control helps to ensure better design and builds by cooperative working between local councils, developers, designers and builders to avoid costly corrections during construction and to make sure projects comply with the highest standards of safety, sustainability and accessibility.

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**Further Information**

LABC is the member organisation representing all local authority building control departments in England and Wales. Its membership includes 3,500 professional surveyors and support technicians and has a 70% market share of building control in these sectors: domestic conversions and improvements; new homes and apartments; commercial offices, workshops, industrial and warehouses; education; healthcare; care homes; retail; leisure and entertainment; and stadiums.

LABC promotes the design and construction of buildings that are safe, accessible and environmentally efficient to comply with the Building Regulations. LABC builds awareness of local authority building control amongst the public, developers, designers and contractors. It also works with trade organisations, manufacturers, distributors, research establishments, test houses and professional institutions to support innovation in building.

LABC are always looking for future award winners. If you have a project completed within the next 12 months which you feel deserves to be one of next year's finalists, have a word with your local authority building control surveyor expressing your interests and they may put your project forward for nomination.

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