

Regional Planning Awards: 2009

As this year's outgoing Chair of the Regional Planning Awards 2009, I am delighted to announce the results of the Regional Planning Awards 2009. We had an excellent crop of entries and the Regional judging panel met over the summer of 2009 to assess the 11 finalists and to visit the schemes that are built. The Awards were presented at the AGM in November 2009 held at Denby's Vineyard, Dorking.

Regional entries comprise forwarded submissions from the national RTPI Awards, so in theory, the same scheme could win awards nationally and regionally. The categories for the regional awards are largely governed by: types of entries we receive; priorities from the National Awards and; balanced with priorities for the Region. The Regional Judging Panel are Philip Turner, Planning Consultant; Sue Percy, RTPI; Toyubar Rahman, Association of Town Centre Management; Vicky Aston, Sport England; Ron Tate, past president of the RTPI and Chaired by Clare Wright, Kent Architecture Centre.

Sponsorship

This year we initiated a different regime for sponsorship which we believe is more equitable, offering the opportunity for organisations and consultancies involved with the planning system to be associated with practice that rewards excellence. We wish to thank our sponsors for 2009 and to encourage continued and new sponsorship for 2010.

Entries and results

Climate change: Sponsored by Atkins Global
WINNER - One Brighton

COMMENDED - Ashburton Court and Elizabeth II Court,
Winchester

City, Town and Metropolitan areas: Sponsored by Adams
Hendry
WINNER - Admiralty Quarter, Portsmouth

Sustainable Communities: Sponsored by Brighton University
WINNER - Ringing the changes - the Ashford Ring Road Project

Arts, Culture, Sport and Education: Sponsored by RTPI SE
WINNER - Dorney Rowing Lake, Eton
NO AWARD - Runnymede Campus, Englefield Green, Surrey

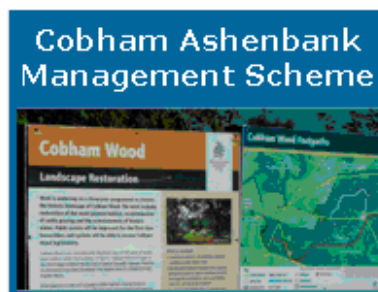
Heritage and Rural Regeneration: Sponsored by ECOVAST
WINNER - "Cobham Ashenbank Management Scheme"
COMMENDED - "Royal Clarence Yard"
NO AWARD - Grove Place Continuing Care Retirement
Community

Spatial Strategies: Sponsored by Peak Quality Homes
WINNER - "Brighton & Hove Urban Characterisation Study"
COMMENDED - "Solent Waterfront Strategy"

Good Practice Commendation: Sponsored by Reading
University
"Look at Romsey - Romsey - Romsey Town Design Statement"

Overall Winner of the Regional Planning Awards

2009 South East Regional Awards Overall Winner



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Cobham Ashenbank, Overall Winner of the Regional Planning Awards 2009

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The Cobham Ashenbank Management Scheme embodied the highest all-round planning achievement. It is a complex and visionary scheme to 'win the area back for the local communities and landowners'. The winner is an excellent example of complex problem solving, tenacity and showcases exceptional commitment from a local planning authority. This is a fantastic success story that demonstrates that regeneration is needed and can be effective in rural areas and that enjoying the historic environment can be the preserve for all.

The Panel thanks everyone who submitted schemes for this year. The Region looks forward to receiving the coming year's entries.

Do contact Carol Dawson if you wish to:
- Sponsor a category in next year's Regional Awards
- Join the core team of the Regional Awards Panel or are interested in Chairing.

And finally..... Please submit your entries to the National Awards via www.rtpiplanningawards.com The website will be open for entries on 5th February after the presentation of the 2009 awards and the closing date for this year's awards is **Monday 12 April**

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A powerpoint of the presentation to the AGM is available via the RTPI SE region website.

