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From
the
chair

Steve Avery, Chair, RTPI South East

CHAIR'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2010

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010 and my first piece as Chair of the South East Region. I would like to start with a heartfelt thanks to the out-going Chair – Martin Taylor – for all his hard work over the last two years, particularly in supporting the Young Planners' Network and maintaining a diverse and well attended CPD programme.

For those of you who don't know me, I am currently Director of Strategy and Planning at the New Forest National Park Authority and I have been fortunate enough to have worked in the New Forest for the last 12 years. Before that I worked for District Councils in Cornwall and my home county of Essex.

I feel very privileged to be elected Chair, especially at a time when we are facing considerable challenges in the region; the legacy of a deep economic recession, adapting to climate change and a tightening squeeze on public finances. On top of all this, and in spite of an imminent general election, there seems to be no end to the many publications and consultations emanating from CLG. And let's not forget the establishment of the region's second National Park in the South Downs!

Over the next year I am looking forward to championing the excellent work that planners do within the region. In doing so, I want to help raise the image and profile of planning.

We already have the annual regional awards which provide a great platform to showcase the planning talent on offer. But we could do more and in that respect, I am inviting you to consider whether you would like to join the Regional Activities Committee as our new press officer.

It's a great opportunity to get involved with RTPI work – a flair for a good news planning story is all that is required. In the meantime, if you know of a scheme or a colleague that deserves a special mention, then write and let me know via southeast@rtpi.org.uk

Another theme for my year as Chair is to develop closer links with our sister professions, such as the RIBA and RICS. I am currently liaising with the Chair of RIBA South about organizing some joint events to involve both planners and architects so that we may have a better understanding and appreciation of our respective roles. Watch this space!

You will see that we are putting together a full CPD events programme for 2010. These events are excellent value for money and an opportunity to catch up with former colleagues and network with other professionals. Our first event 'Beating the Recession' was held jointly with the South West Region and looked to support planners affected by the recession – practical help in action.

I hope to meet many of you over the next 12 months and if you feel that there is more that the RTPI could do for you, then do let me know.

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Steve Avery
Chair, RTPI South East

A BIG THANK YOU

Each year members of your region work to provide a range of low cost CPD opportunities for you, their colleagues. The delivery of this programme is made possible by a range of organisations that very generously provide support and sponsorship, either 'in kind' by making facilities available or with financial contributions to help meet costs. Without their assistance it would not have been possible to bring to you the range and number of events held last year. On behalf of last year's RTPI South East Regional Activities Committee, I'd like to say a big 'THANK YOU' to all those who supported our work or sponsored an event or an award during 2009 – these included:

- Savills (Southampton)
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
- Terence O'Rourke Ltd
- West Sussex County Council
- Oxford Brookes University
- Adams Hendry Consulting
- Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council
- Blake Laphorn (Oxford)
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Landmark Chambers
- New Forest District Council
- Peak Quality Homes
- Winchester City Council
- The Five Towns Network
- University of Brighton
- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
- Atkins Global
- University of Reading
- Ecovast

We will need lots more support again this year. If you would be interested in hosting or sponsoring an event then please contact me,

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CPD 2010

The CPD programme for 2010 started with a free event at the Winchester Discovery Centre on 11 February on 'Dealing with Redundancy' for all those currently searching for new work or who are worried they may find themselves looking for a new job this year (see www.rtpi.org.uk/rtpi_south_east/ for a full report).

In March we planned to tap into the pre-General Election fever with 'Planning and the Election – where's your vote?', but numbers were low and this was cancelled. Following on, we'll be getting on the move with 'The IPC and Transport Planning' in late April or May in Kent.

May is set to be a busy month with more events. If you like the sea air, we have an event on Coastal Planning in Sussex, while if you like the country air then we have an event on Rural Planning in Hampshire.

Early June will bring an event on Planning for an Ageing Population. All that and we haven't even got to the summer! For more details on these and other events, check out our regular email bulletins.

Any enquiries relating to forthcoming SCYP activities should be made to Peter Lamb at peter.lamb@toritd.co.uk.

Why not also join our SCYPN Facebook page and speak to other young planners from across the region.

■ Send us your articles and ideas at southeast@rtpi.org.uk or use it to tell us you would rather receive a paper copy. If you work outside the public sector and want to update your email details, contact southeast@rtpi.org.uk.

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.

Enteries 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"

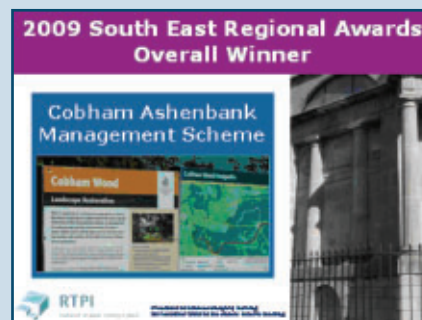
Good Practice Commendation:

Sponsored by Reading University

"Look at Romsey - Romsey - Romsey Town Design Statement"

"Milton Keynes Intelligence Observatory"

OVERALL WINNER OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING AWARDS 2009



Cobham Ashenbank, Overall Winner of the Regional Planning Awards 2009

Photographs : Phil Turner

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

Clare Wright

Award Chair 2009

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Many thanks once again to this year's sponsors...

