



# Town and Country Design Awards 2008

Royal Institute of British Architects

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**Information and Entry Form – Entry Fee: £70.50 (inc VAT)**

**Closing Date 12.00pm 3 July 2008**

The award scheme looks at the impact of new and converted buildings in both rural and urban settings and aims to highlight the contributions made by talented architects who are working within the Wessex and South West Regions or the Channel Islands. The awards jury, made up of architect peers and lay assessors, will judge each building in its setting, considering fitness for purpose, consistency of design, use of materials and whether a building is likely to remain a fine work of architecture throughout and even beyond its full working life. Particular note will be taken of the way in which schemes relate to their surroundings and exist within the context of the region. In all awards the judges will be considering the sustainable credentials of the building, however we are pleased to confirm that a specific award to recognise achievement in sustainability will be made with the support of Groundwork South West.

The awards apply to buildings completed in the RIBA Wessex and South West regions and the Channel Islands i.e. all local authorities in Bristol, Bath, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles and the Channel Islands.

The awards comprise five categories and one overall award for excellence:

-  **The Istock Premier Award** – supported by Istock
-  **Living Accommodation** – supported by 4D Lighting
-  **Workspace** – supported by Applecore Designs Ltd
-  **Alteration Award** – supported by SIV Architectural Recruitment
-  **The Conservation Award** – supported by The Rooflight Company
-  **The Sustainability Award** – supported by Groundwork South West

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# Entry Information

## 1 Award Categories

### The Ibstock Premier Award

#### *Supported by Ibstock*

The award will be given to the category winner which best exemplifies design excellence in the context of the region.

### Living Accommodation

#### *Supported by 4D Lighting Ltd*

The award will be made to the project which best represents excellence in the creation of new or renovated living space.

### Workspace

#### *Supported by Applecore Designs Ltd*

The award will be made to the project which best represents excellence in the creation of new or renovated work space. Schools, surgeries, community and faith buildings are regarded as workplaces for the purposes of these awards.

### Alteration Award

#### *Supported by SIV Architectural Recruitment*

The award will be made to the project which best represents excellence in the alteration, conversion or extension of an existing building(s).

### The Conservation Award

#### *Supported by The Rooflight Company*

The award will be made to the project which best exemplifies good conservation practice in an architecturally significant building which has been restored or adapted.

### The Sustainability Award

#### *Supported by Groundwork South West*

The award will be made to the project which the jury decides best exemplifies sustainable practice in the built environment, with due deference to sustainability in the context of design and locality.

## 2 Eligibility & Conditions of Entry

- 2.1 All entries should be submitted on the official entry form no later than 12pm on 3 July 2008
- 2.2 The official entry form should be completed and submitted along with up to 10 photographs (printed and on disk as high resolution and low resolution jpeg files) and plans of the building and up to one side of A4 typed description plus site location plan.
- 2.3 Inclusion of the completed sustainability statement is encouraged for all entries and must be included for entrants wishing to be considered for the Sustainability Award.
- 2.4 Awards will be considered for buildings in RIBA Wessex and South West regions (Bristol, Bath, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, the Scilly Isles) and the Channel Islands completed between 1 January 2005 and 31 March 2008 in the above categories.
- 2.5 For the purpose of the Town & Country Design Awards the words "building" and "space" are defined as *any structure new, restored, rehabilitated or converted* which contain an element of executed design work.
- 2.6 Entries for the awards should be designed either by an individual architect who is a member of RIBA, RIAS or RSUA, or by a RIBA

- architectural practice, or by an architect who is International (Honorary) Fellow of the RIBA.
- 2.7 When submitting nominations in the name of an office, the name of the project architect(s) responsible for the scheme should also be given.
- 2.8 The written consent of the architect and building owner to the nomination must be obtained prior to entry.
- 2.9 The decisions of the judges are in all matters final and correspondence will not be entered into by the awards organisers (RIBA Wessex and South West) with unsuccessful entrants. Buildings which are not successful have the opportunity to resubmit their projects for consideration in future years, provided it falls within the entry deadline.
- 2.10 Awards will be made on 25 September 2008 and whilst entrants will be informed as to whether or not their project has been shortlisted, winners will not be informed until that date.
- 2.11 Application forms should include a cheque made payable to **RIBA** for the appropriate fee, dependent on the number of projects and/or categories entered.

## 3 The Jury

- 3.1 The awards jury will consist of:
  - (a) Up to three architects appointed by the RIBA regional offices in consultation with regional councils and representing the Wessex & South West regions, as well as from outside the two regions.
  - (b) At least one lay assessor and/or one other building industry professional.
  - (c) Jury members will be requested to declare all conflicts of interest in advance and as they arise.
- 3.2 The jury will shortlist buildings for awards once the regional offices have established eligibility for entry.
- 3.3 The jury will only visit shortlisted buildings - so it is important that entry packs convey the appropriate information and reasoning for short listing the project.
- 3.4 The architect may not be present during the visit (with the exception of specific cases where the architect is the client).

## 4 Announcements & Presentations

- 4.1 Awards will be made at a presentation event on 25 September 2008 at the Great Hall, University of Exeter, during which the winning architect and client will be invited to collect a trophy of achievement.
- 4.2 Certificates will be presented to winners and will record the names of the architect(s) and client of award winning buildings in each category.
- 4.3 All shortlisted entrants will be invited to attend the awards ceremony, details of which will be announced in due course, when the announcement of the winning buildings will be made.
- 4.4 Wide publicity will be given to the Town & Country Design Awards including reference to shortlisted and winning architects/practices. It is assumed that entries are made in the full expectation of publicity.



## Process Sustainability Statement

The RIBA is committed to meeting the challenge of climate change and raising the understanding of sustainability within the profession. This document is to provide, where possible, quantitative and qualitative data on the sustainability credentials of buildings submitted for the Town & Country Design Awards. There may be buildings where it is not possible to produce quantifiable data either because of their size, or because they do not provide climatic enclosure, in which case only the written statement needs to be included.

Completion of this statement is not necessarily a condition of entry unless entering the Sustainability Award, however it may assist the jury's decision making process where included. Projects entering the Sustainability category without this statement being completed as fully as possible will be considered ineligible for shortlisting in that category.

<b>Gross floor area:</b>	<b>m<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Treated floor area:</b> (eg where energy use can be measured)	<b>m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Annual energy/CO<sub>2</sub> consumption for space &amp; water heating:</b>		<b>kWhrs or kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWhr</b>	
<b>Annual energy/CO<sub>2</sub> consumption for electrical usage:</b>		<b>kWhrs or kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWhr</b>	
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emissions/ m<sup>2</sup> treated floor area:</b>		<b>KgCO<sub>2</sub>/per m<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Give the basis of calculations/software/measured data used to achieve the above data:</b>			
<b>Give details of any benchmarking evaluation system that has been completed for the building (e.g. BREEAM for Offices/BREEAM for Schools/Eco Homes Rating/SAP/SBEM/Code for Sustainable Homes):</b>			
<b>Where appropriate provide name of engineer who has validated the above figures:</b>			
<b>Give details of any renewable energy systems incorporated into the building:</b>			
<b>Use the remainder of this sheet to give a short statement about the approach that has been taken towards addressing issues of sustainability in the design of this project:</b>			

**Diary Dates:** 12pm, 3 July (closing date); 5 – 6 August (jury visits – **please** pre-warn clients); 25 September (ceremony, University of Exeter)

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