**Lord Mayor’s Design Awards**

**Winners 2011**

**Lord Mayor’s Special Award**

**Knop Law Primary School**

Client: Aura/Newcastle City Council  
Architect: ADP  
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd.

This year the Lord Mayor would like to recognise the overall design approach taken to Knop Law Primary School. Liaison with staff and pupils has ensured that the design provides the facilities required by this particular school rather than a standard solution. The judges were unanimous in their praise for the attention to detail given to both the internal and external areas of the school.

**FINAL JUDGING PANEL**

Lord Mayor Councillor Geoff O’Brien  
Kath Lawless – Head of Development Management  
Dorian Conway – Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)  
Will Campbell – Northumbria University

The following organisations and professional institutions were represented on the initial nomination panel:  
Royal Town Planning Institute (Northern Region)  
Royal Institute of British Architects  
Northern Architecture  
The Landscape Institute (North East Region)  
Institute of Historic Building Conservation  
English Heritage  
Northumberland and Newcastle Society

**SUMMARY OF ENTRANTS BY PRACTICE:**

- **ADP**  
  Two Entries  
  Two Awards

- **Anthony Knith Architects Limited**  
  Three Entries

- **Atkins**  
  Four Entries  
  One Commendation

- **Bond Bryan**  
  One Entry  
  One Commendation

- **Bovis Lend Lease**  
  Two Entries  
  One Commendation

- **City Design, Newcastle City Council**  
  One Entry  
  One Commendation

- **Cyril Wimsett**  
  One Entry  
  One Award

- **Faulkner Browns Architects**  
  Two Entries  
  One Award  
  One Commendation

- **Howarth Litchfield Partnership**  
  One Entry

- **Ian Darby Partnership**  
  Three Entries

- **Ian Simpson Architects**  
  One Entry  
  One Award

- **Jane Darbyshire & David Kendall**  
  Two Entries  
  One Award

- **Ken Seddon ESS**  
  One Entry

- **Mosedale Gillatt Architects**  
  Two Entries  
  Two Awards

- **Neil Wilson Design**  
  One Entry  
  One Award

- **Project Architects**  
  One Entry

- **Ryder Architecture**  
  One Entry

- **SLR Consulting Ltd**  
  One Entry

- **Space Architecture**  
  One Entry  
  One Commendation

- **Technical Services, Newcastle City Council**  
  Two Entries  
  One Commendation

- **Tench Madsdon Ash LLP**  
  One Entry

- **Xsite Architecture**  
  One Entry  
  One Award

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**New Building**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Newcastle University Business School & Central Link, Downing Plaza**

Client: Newcastle University/Downings  
Architect: Ian Simpson Architects  
Main Contractor: George Downing Construction

This submission is a phase of a wider masterplan area. The judges were impressed with the development which they felt was creating a 'new' destination within the city centre and setting a precedent for future development of Science Central. The judges praised the rich elevation treatment and the relationship the buildings have with the adjacent stadium. In addition, the judges felt that the courtyard at Central Link was successful and created an intimate outdoor space amongst large-scale buildings.

**COMMENDED FINALISTS**

**King's Gate**

Client: Newcastle University  
Architect: Bond Bryan Architects  
Main Contractor: BAM Construction Ltd

The judges gave praise to the building which has created a strong gateway to the university which works well visually within the existing urban setting. The level of glazing to the front elevation has given an active frontage to a well used pedestrian and vehicular route. The judges felt that this particular university building had taken a different approach to other contemporary buildings opting for a potentially timeless architectural style.

**Baddiley-Clark Building**

Client: Newcastle University  
Architect: Faulkner Browns  
Main Contractor: BAM Construction Ltd

This scheme involves the introduction of a new building alongside the re-use of a listed building. The judges praised the way that the new building had not been afraid of the join to the listed building as well as the bold use of colour and the introduction of the elevated element which allows for views of the listed building to be retained. Internally, the judges felt the use of the space is highly effective and had created ideal working facilities which integrated the laboratories with writing and study spaces.

**St. Nicholas Square**

Client: Newcastle City Council/Newcastle NE1 Ltd  
Architect: Technical Services, Newcastle City Council & Robinson Landscape Design  
Main Contractor: Technical Services, Newcastle City Council

The changes to the public realm of St Nicholas Square have greatly improved access from Morley Street to St Nicholas Street, removing the steps, raised planters, cobbles and general street furniture and signage clutter which existed. The scheme has incorporated seating points and materials of good colour contrast.

**Residential**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Georgian House Extension, Summerhill Square**

Client: Melissa Bateson & Daniel Nettle  
Architect: Xite Architecture  
Main Contractor: Cameron Builders (Newcastle) Ltd

Although this scheme is a small intervention, it has transformed the rear of the property. The extension itself creates additional space for the dwelling and meets the requirements of the client brief. It is simple but effective using materials which complement the listed building.

**People’s Choice Award**

**Beavan Building**

Client: Tyne Housing Association Ltd.  
Architect: Anthony Keith Architects Ltd.  
Main Contractor: Mansell Construction Services

People were able to take part in the Lord Mayor’s Design Awards 2011 by voting, via the internet, for their favourite scheme from all the shortlisted entries. Over 1500 votes were cast over a four week period. Congratulations go to the runners-up: Knop Law Primary School, Newcastle University Business School and Central Link and to the winner of the People’s Choice Award 2011: the Beavan Building.
Sustainability

AWARD WINNER

Baddiley-Clark Building
Client: Newcastle University
Architect: Faulkner Brown
Main Contractor: BAM Construction Ltd

The judges applauded the extraordinary BREEAM rating that this building has achieved, as one of only three buildings in the country with a laboratory to achieve a BREEAM Excellent rating. The scheme had a true commitment to sustainability from the outset with features built in to the design rather than an ‘add-on’ afterthought.

Accessibility

AWARD WINNER

Knop Law Primary School
Client: Aura/ Newcastle City Council
Architect: ADP
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine

The judges were united in their praise for this scheme which has considered accessibility from the outset. Ramp access has been incorporated into the landscape design which covers an 11 metre change in levels across the site. Internally there is good colour contrast, excellent lighting, it is spacious and there is good free flow access to the external areas.

Landscape

AWARD WINNER

Millfield House
Client: Newcastle City Council
Architect: Moseley Gillatt Architects
Main Contractor: ROK

The landscaping is part of the wider Ouseburn Parks Heritage Lottery Fund project. The judges were united in their praise for the scheme and felt that it had set a high quality standard for works throughout the city’s parks. As with the works carried out to the building, there has also been a great attention to detail with the landscaping works and the judges noted that ‘you could see the love in the scheme’.

COMMENDED FINALIST

Sir Bobby Robson Memorial Garden
Client: Newcastle City Council
Architect: Design Services, Newcastle City Council & Robinson Landscape Design
Main Contractor: Technical Services, Newcastle City Council

The scheme has greatly improved a derelict site on a prominent route within the city centre. The judges praised the scheme which they felt met the brief and the wishes of Sir Bobby’s family. In addition, the judges thought that sculptures detailing key aspects of Sir Bobby’s life were very successful.

Sport Central
Client: Northumbria University
Architect: Arbins
Main Contractor: Sir Robert McAlpine

The judges felt that the internal areas provided excellent facilities with regard to accessibility. There are accessible changing facilities, wheelchair locker points alongside standard lockers and designated wheelchair spectator areas within the main arena.

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**Refurbishment**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Best Western Ryokan Hotel**

Client: Jiangjin Khan  
Architect: Neil Wilson Design  
Main Contractor: M.K. Builders

This scheme has transformed a historic building which was derelict and in a state of disrepair. The original stonework has been successfully restored and replaced where it has eroded over the years. The new extension, set back from the listed building and constructed in brick is appropriately subservient to the main building. The introduction of the brick sets well alongside the stone. The internal space has seen a dramatic refurbishment however there were no historic features of note to be retained.

**COMMENDED FINALIST**

**Mansion House Chambers**

Client: Enigma Interactive  
Architect: _Space Architecture

The judges praised the refurbishment of the building which has retained the internal features and created additional space with the introduction of a glazed 'box' to the rear. The glazed extension and improved landscaping has had a positive impact on the environment and security of the Castle Stairs, improving the pedestrian link from the Old Newcastle area to the Quayside.

**Small Scale Development**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Millfield House**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: Mowbray Gillatt Architects  
Main Contractor: ROK

The scheme won praise from the judges for the attention to detail taken in the approach to the new extension. The setting of Millfield House as well as Jesmond Dene were key considerations in developing the detailed design and the choice of materials. The careful placement of windows has allowed for many views out of the building to the surrounding landscape which is considered a very important aspect of the overall site.

**Conservation**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Richard Grainger's Family Tomb**

Client: Newcastle City Council  
Architect: Cyril Winkell MBE  
Main Contractor: Glendon Services

The judges felt that this project was unique and unlike all of the other shortlisted schemes had utilized true conservation skills to improve a tomb which was becoming unkempt in appearance. The works restored the tomb to the original blue-black colour, the stonework plinths were re-finished in a lime wash and the cast-iron finial tops were repaired as found. The judges were highly impressed with the workmanship of the finished project.

**Housing**

**AWARD WINNER**

**Station Court**

Client: Your Homes Newcastle  
Architect: Jane Darbyshire & David Kendall  
Main Contractor: Frank Haslam Milan

The judges were impressed with this development. The development is located in a compact residential area and the relationship with the adjacent existing housing, the approach to layout and the choice of materials have been successful. There is an appropriate level of security which is successful in avoiding an institutional feel. The external space is attractive and complements the simple elevation design.

**COMMENDED FINALIST**

**Afton Way**

Client: Leazes Homes/Your Homes Newcastle  
Architect: Bowker Sadler Partnership  
Main Contractor: ROK

The judges praised the approach to the redevelopment of a site which is hidden from the view of any main street. The approach to this particular development of bungalows has presented more interesting architecture than other bungalow developments in the city. Features such as corner windows at sitting level allow residents a view of those approaching their front door.

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