

5. BEST HEALTHCARE BUILDING

Belong Nursing Home, Platt Bridge



A 66 bedroom three storey care home which also provides facilities for local community use including a restaurant, meeting rooms, a shop, and hairdresser.

Opened on time in February this year this is a very impressive building.

Our surveyor advises that the site was not without its difficulties with above average excavations required at foundation stage. The contract met these challenges and ran a very efficient and tidy site. The result is a very well finished development.

A most impressive and well designed accessible development which provides excellent facilities for its residents and for visitors from the wider community.

The standard of construction was very high.



CONTRACTOR:

G&J Seddon Ltd

6. BEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING

Office extension and Refurbishment, Standish



A single storey extension and refurbishment to offices in Standish. To provide a new main entrance, reception, offices and boardroom.

This work was built off piled foundations and had to incorporate landfill gas protection measures due to inconsistencies in the ground.

The contractors were very able and conscientious; they sought advice from our surveyor whenever they were unsure of any requirement. They have produced a well finished and attractive building with which the client is more than happy. Their work was always ready for inspection when requested. It was a clean and well managed site. They have produced an excellent building.



CONTRACTOR:

Woodscape Jordan Ltd

Building Excellence awards

The Building Excellence Award scheme operated by Wigan Council demonstrates the Council's recognition of high standards of building work across the borough. The awards are made to building projects ranging from small domestic works to major commercial developments, which achieve high standards of construction, workmanship and customer satisfaction.

Around 2000 Building Regulation schemes commenced with Wigan during the last year. From these we have selected five schemes which demonstrate excellence in construction and customer satisfaction.

The Building Excellence Award is a prestigious award for quality contractors.

It is designed to reward those builders who are committed to meeting Building standards.

The award aims to put customer satisfaction high on the agenda and applies to all projects where Wigan Council provided the Building Control Service.

The winners of Wigan's Building Excellence Awards can be entered into next year's National and Regional Building Excellence Award scheme.



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Building Excellence Awards 2009

Wigan Council's initiative to promote and encourage good design across the borough is now in its fifth year. This scheme highlights projects which build in quality into their constructional design and in doing so recognises quality contractors.

All the schemes within this leaflet are receiving Building Excellence awards and are being celebrated at a special awards ceremony at Wigan Cricket Club on Wednesday 2nd December 2009.



The Local Authority Building Control Building Excellence award is the only award of its type that covers all forms of building construction. Assessment is based on objective criteria. Those who are successful will have distinguished themselves as outstanding achievers in building construction in Wigan.

Wigan's Building Excellence Award is based on a national award scheme organised by LABC the national organisation which represents all 376 Local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

AWARD WINNERS receive recognition for their excellent construction techniques and customer satisfaction. They are entitled to use the prestigious Building Excellence Award logo on their stationary.

ENTRY is open to any building project large or small, which has used Wigan's Building Control Service. Last year applications for around 2000 such schemes were deposited with Wigan Council.

NOMINATIONS are made by our Building Control Surveyors who inspect premises and sites throughout the year. Last year our surveyors made over 8500 site visits.

JUDGING CRITERIA includes:

- Compliance with Building Regulations
- Supply of information
- Speed of fault rectification
- Storage of materials
- Site safety
- Consistency of construction
- Accessibility

CATEGORIES of award include:

- Best Domestic Extension
- Best Housing - Small Developer
- Best Housing - Large Developer
- Best Sustainability Project
- Best Healthcare Building
- Best Commercial Building

Winners of Wigan's Building Excellence awards go forward for entry to the North West award scheme, which is held annually in May.

1. BEST DOMESTIC EXTENSION

Small domestic works, alterations and refurbishment, make up a significant percentage of the applications submitted for our approval each year. They are perhaps the most direct tangible contact that many residents have with our Building Control service.

Withnell Close Wigan



Described as a garden room extension to a detached house, this thoughtfully designed extension was built on piled foundations.

Glazing areas exceeded what would normally be permitted and the designer incorporated compensating features backed up by calculations to verify that potential CO2 emissions would still be within permitted limits.

The contractors were very efficient and ran a very clean and tidy site. They accommodated significant changes in design during construction. They also paid particular attention to small details, splay bricks at corners, colour and texture match in cill coursing permeable paving etc and as a result, have produced an exceptional building of high quality. They worked very well with our surveyor.



CONTRACTOR: Westgate Building Contractors

2. BEST HOUSING SMALL DEVELOPER

The Pump House, Standish



A large detached residence in a prominent position overlooking the river Douglas.

This is a most impressive development and attention to detail during construction was paramount, particularly as a wide range of materials and equipment were incorporated in the construction. Our building control surveyor confirms that the site was extremely well run and the site manager was very efficient.

The work was always ready for inspection when requested and was finished to a very high standard, befitting the quality of materials used.

We do not often see properties of such size and quality.

CONTRACTOR: Tricklebank / Andrew Heywood

3. BEST HOUSING LARGE DEVELOPER

Residential development Wigan Lane Standish



A development of 14 superior detached houses. The first properties have now been completed. This is an extremely well managed site despite several changes in individual site manager. Our surveyor felt that these changes in personnel clearly demonstrated the company's overall commitment to quality.

We have been particularly impressed with the attention to detail employed by the developers to ensure that acceptable levels of air tightness of the basic structure would be achieved. Good standards of airtightness are essential if a building is to maximise its potential energy efficiency and minimise running costs. Added to this are several other sustainability features including a solar panel and sustainable drainage contributing to a design to achieve an Ecohomes 'very good' rating.

CONTRACTOR: Newfield Jones Homes

4. BEST SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Flat Conversion Turton Street Golborne



The refurbishment and conversion of a former end terrace house, recently used for retail purposes, into two self contained flats.

For this project, the developer set out to achieve the most energy efficient conversion practicable. They undoubtedly achieved this and the flats have the potential to demonstrate extremely low running costs.

The developers incorporated many sustainable features into the work. Solar panels on the roof have the potential to provide the bulk of the hot water, and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery adds to this. High levels of thermal insulation to walls floors and roof add to the efficiency and a good standard of airtight construction helps to ensure heat is not wasted.

CONTRACTOR: Hughes Brothers