

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Darlington Street Greening/ Community Garden

The local residents association has taken a proactive approach in improving their area working with the Council to develop a tree planting scheme and a community garden.



The scheme introduces a 'green corridor' that brightens up the urban area and provides residents with a place to relax.

DESIGNED FOR: One Voice Resident Association

DESIGNED BY: Wigan Council

Whelley Loop Line

A two and a half mile stretch of the long-disused 'Whelley Loop' railway has been reborn as a new 'greenway' route through the heart of the borough.



The ambitious scheme has seen an overgrown track resurfaced to a high standard and the installation of the borough's first Pegasus crossing which incorporates an attractive public art display.

DESIGNED FOR: Wigan Council

DESIGNED BY: TEP

River Douglas Flood Works

The newly completed flood defences along the River Douglas have provided a well designed and attractive access along the river.



The design blends a stone wall with a modern, sleek metal rail which winds along the river bank creating a number of open vistas for views along the river

DESIGNED FOR: Environmental Agency

DESIGNED BY: AXIS/Jacobs Babtie

It is the aim of good, considered design to help provide a better quality of life and make the places where we live and work more attractive and safer for everyone.

These awards celebrate schemes that are helping to achieve this aim and everyone involved should be proud of their role in improving the quality of our environments

Coming Soon

This is the 4th year that these awards have been presented by Wigan Council. In the next few years several major projects, such as the Joint Service Centre, the A49 Link road and the mixed use development at the former Bickershaw colliery, will be completed. These schemes will continue to set high standards in their design and the quality of construction.



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AWARDS 2008

Wigan Council launched a new initiative 4 years ago to promote and encourage good design across the borough, and to recognise schemes that build in quality in to their constructional design.

As part of this commitment in securing high quality building and environmental design, all schemes within this leaflet are receiving Urban Design awards or commendations and are being celebrated at a special awards ceremony at Haigh Hall on Tuesday 18th November 2008.



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Awarded for excellence

NEW BUILDINGS

Stone Cross Park, Golborne

Throwing ordinary out, this new contemporary office development shows how modern design techniques can be used to create an attractive place to work.

The palate of materials, which includes timber panelling, compliments the buildings open surroundings and the innovative use of louver screens on the windows not only limits sunlight entering the building, reducing the need for air conditioning, they also provide additional detail to the building.



DESIGNED FOR:

Charles Topham Projects

DESIGNED BY:

Stephenson Bell

Lord Street, Leigh

A high quality residential apartment building located within Leigh town centre.

These new apartments have raised the standard of supported housing design by using a contemporary design and inspired materials that include timber panelling and a unique orange cladding that adds a visible contrast to the surrounding environment.



DESIGNED FOR:

Adactus Housing Group

DESIGNED BY:

ARK Design and Architecture

Alpha Homecare, Standish

This new office build sits amongst a traditional residential location and adjacent to the Grade I listed St Wilfrid's Church.

It combines an understated template of colours and materials with a modern style of design which results in a respectful addition to the surrounding environment.



DESIGNED FOR:

Alpha Homecare Ltd

DESIGNED BY:

Peter Dickinson Architects

Stadium, Leigh Sports Village

Leigh Sports Village is the biggest investment in public sports, recreation and educational facilities in Wigan borough for many years.



DESIGNED FOR:

Greenbank Partnerships Ltd

DESIGNED BY:

Derek Walker Associates

The newly completed 10,000 seater stadium stands at the heart of this development and is a good example of how creative technologies and engineering, such as cantilevered roofs, can be incorporated to create a contemporary design.

CONSERVATION REFURBISHMENT

Beech Hall Chapel, Wigan

The conversion of this 19th Century church hall into a residential property has involved a sensitive design approach to preserve the character of the building.



DESIGNED FOR:

Mrs Ella Bristow

DESIGNED BY:

John McCall Architects

The main features have included the retention of the arched front door and the reinstatement of arched windows. The simple landscaping treatment makes the hall a prominent feature within the local area

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan

The refurbishment to the 130 year old hospital entrance included window alterations, the re-pointing of brick and stone work and cleaning of the Grade II listed façade.



DESIGNED FOR:

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust

DESIGNED BY:

Frank Whittle Partnership

Also included was a landscaping treatment that provides an accessible entrance and relaxing seating area for visitors and patients.

The end product sees the use of one of Wigan's most historic buildings extended and protected for the future.

28 Market Street, Hindley

This regeneration scheme, grant aided through the Heritage Lottery Fund, has helped to re-instate a vacant and semi-derelict property with attractive and considered architectural features.



BEFORE

This scheme has used good design principles to enhance the street scene by including a new original style shop front, sash windows with stone lintels and combining original and new bricks to re-face the front of the building.

The images to the left illustrate the changes that have taken place to the building.



AFTER

DESIGNED FOR:

Mr Emmanouil Terzakis

DESIGNED BY:

G G Makin

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Tyldesley Monument

This community-led project has improved the environmental quality of the surrounding area by providing illumination to the Tyldesley monument at night.



The illumination has created an attractive ambient environment, and gives an instant facelift to the monument.

DESIGNED FOR:

Swinley Residents Association

DESIGNED BY:

Wigan Council