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Winners celebrated at 2013 Awards



Local politicians and leading practitioners in planning, architecture, sustainability and design gathered in the Spirella Ballroom, Letchworth to congratulate the winners and celebrate the innovation and excellence on show in Hertfordshire.

Ten finalists were short listed across the four award categories including an extension to a Victorian townhouse, Academies, community buildings and a major film studio.

The four winning schemes, announced at a ceremony in the Spirella Ballroom, Letchworth Garden City on 21 November, were:

- **The Bushey Academy, Watford**
Winner Design Excellence
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- **Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, St Albans**
Winner Most Sustainable Construction
Sponsored by the University of Hertfordshire
- **Boundary Way External Insulation Project, Watford**
Winner Outstanding Commitment to Adapt to a Changing Climate
Sponsored by Hertfordshire County Council
- **Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden, Leavesden**
Winner Retrofit for the Future
Sponsored by Weber Saint-Gobain

Two other finalists were recognised by the judges for the achievements they had made:

- Crowbrook House, Hunsdon was presented with a Special Award - Design Excellence
- Queensway Health Centre refurbishment received a Commendation – Retrofit for the Future

The Building Futures Awards recognise and reward projects that demonstrate innovative, creative and high quality design in response to current environmental challenges. The entries were assessed by an expert panel of judges: architect, urban designer and town planner Barry Shaw MBE, international expert in sustainable building and refurbishment Dr. David Strong; urban designer and town planner Peter Studdert, and architect and expert in sustainable refurbishment John Pratley.

The superb key note speaker for the evening was Munish Datta, Head of Plan A Property at Marks and Spencer's Plc. Munish gave a fascinating and inspiring insight into the retailer's vision for embedding sustainability across their property portfolio, their success so far, and how their experience is being used to achieve even better results in future projects.

To read about the winning schemes and the other finalists visit the awards pages on the Building Futures website – www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures.



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