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Short list for the 2013 Building Futures Awards announced



Entries to the 2013 Hertfordshire Building Futures Awards came in from all corners of Hertfordshire highlighting the fact that sustainability is high on today's agenda for architects, contractors and homeowners alike across the county.

The quality of entries this year has beaten all expectations. The variation in entries has also been a highlight, with schemes ranging from a home extension through to new academies, community buildings, leisure and health projects, and even a major film studio!

The new Retrofit for the Future category has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response. The many high quality projects submitted for the award shows that sustainable retrofits are common place across Hertfordshire.

Following the close of nominations, our expert judging panel deliberated at length before agreeing the short list for 2013. The lucky ten schemes to be short listed are:

- Hide House, Hertford
- Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, St Albans
- Crowbrook, Hunsdon
- Royal Veterinary College Student Village, North Mymms
- 9 Old North Road, Royston
- Francis Combe Academy, Watford
- Bushey Academy, Watford
- Boundary Way External Wall Insulation Project, Watford
- Queensway Health Centre, Hatfield
- Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden

Short listed projects were visited by the judges during October giving entrants another opportunity to showcase their schemes before the judges made their final decision. The lucky winners of a prestigious Building Futures Award will be announced at the award ceremony on 21 November at the iconic Spirella Ballroom, Letchworth

The awards ceremony, sponsored by Weber Saint-Gobain, Sika and the University of Hertfordshire, will also welcome Munish Datta, Head of Property at Marks & Spencer's Plc as our key note speaker for the evening. Delegates will receive an insight into how the high street giant has embraced sustainability in its new stores and is working to improve the quality and environmental footprint of its older stores.

To read about the short listed schemes and the Building Futures Awards visit the awards pages on the Building Futures website – www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures.



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Sustainable Design Toolkit goes live!

The innovative Sustainable Design Toolkit is now live on the Building Futures website.

Sustainable design adds to and improves people's quality of life and the environment around us. It is achieved by implementing a range of principles in an integrated and balanced way.

The Sustainable Design Toolkit has been created to help those who prepare and assess development proposals in Hertfordshire to better understand the principles of sustainable design and consider how best they can be applied to a specific scheme and site.



By using open questions and best practice guidance, the Toolkit helps development stakeholders consider and implement the principles and practice of sustainable design. This is done in a simple, visual, intuitive and engaging way via 3D interactive building models as well as interactive PDFs which will be made available shortly.

Check out the interactive Sustainable Design Toolkit by visiting the Building Futures website – www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures.

Free sustainable design training for SMEs

Are you based in Hertfordshire or Bedfordshire? Is your company looking for advice on sustainability in the built environment? Are you interested in free, impartial advice that is bespoke to your circumstances and needs?



As part of the University of East Anglia's Adapt Low Carbon Group, the Centre for the Built Environment provides free business support to SME's and start-ups in the East of England, delivered through a series of bespoke CPD accredited seminars, webinars and bespoke support showcasing the design, build and post-occupancy of The Enterprise Centre at the University of East Anglia (UEA) which is targeting BREEAM Outstanding and Passivhaus Certification using renewable materials

From their location at BRE in Hertfordshire they aim to help enterprises develop, grow and become more sustainable. Depending on your needs, they can offer your business a combination of expertise in Building assessment, including:

- BREEAM
- Passivhaus
- Natural materials
- Renewable energy
- Accessing funding
- Market analysis

Examples of recent bespoke support include project specific BREEAM pre-assessment advice and Passivhaus design and planning support.

Please follow the link below and contact Nigel Jones for further information:

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