

# The David Urwin Awards

The David Urwin Awards celebrated the design of new and extended or altered buildings in Cambridge.

They were established in 1988 in honour of David Urwin, a former planning officer.

One prize was awarded every year, and between 2002 and 2012 there were four categories on a rolling cycle, repeating every four years:

- Best new building
- Best conservation, alteration or extension of an existing building
- Best work in the public realm
- An exemplar of sustainability

In 2012 the David Urwin Awards were replaced by the [Cambridge Design and Construction Awards](#).

## 2002 to 2011 awards

### 2011: Best conservation, alteration or extension of an existing building

- Little St Mary's Church New Parish Hall (Cowper Griffiths Architects)  
[pictured, © Louis Sinclair]

Commendations:

- Jesus College Chapter House (Donald Insall Associates)
- 1 and 2 Bridge Street (Trinity College) (Bidwells)
- Market Hostel (King's College) (Bland, Brown and Cole Architects)



## **2010: Best new building**

- Wychfield, a development in Storey's Way for Trinity Hall by RH Partnership

### Commendations:

- Sainsbury Laboratory, University of Cambridge at the Botanic Garden (Stanton Williams)
- Public conveniences, recycling facilities and office to let in Chesterton Road (Freeland Rees Roberts for the city council)

## **2009: An exemplar of sustainability**

- A house in the south of the city (Mole Architects Ltd)
- University of Cambridge, Department of Architecture (Mole Architects Ltd and Freeland Rees Roberts) [pictured, © David Butler]



## **2008: Best work in the public realm**

- CB2 outdoor terrace (Freeland Rees Roberts)
- Brookside Gate at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden

## **2007: Best conservation, alteration or extension to an existing building**

- Peterhouse Ward Library (Freeland Rees Roberts)

## **2006: Best new building**

- Cambridge Water Company headquarters (Barber Casanovas Ruffles)

### **2005: Most efficient building**

- Faculty of English (Allies and Morrison), and the Faculty of Education (Building Design Partnership)

### **2004: Best work in the public realm**

- Senate House Hill streetscape, King's Parade (Cambridgeshire County Council)

### **2003: Best conservation, alteration or extension of an existing building**

- Extension to form new library at Newnham College (John Miller and Partners)

### **2002: Best new building**

- Hawthorne House, Bondi House and Broers House (Postgraduate accommodation for Churchill College), Storey's Way (Cottrell and Vermeulen)
- Centre for Mathematical Sciences, Clarkson Road (Edward Cullinan Architects)

### **1998 and 2001 awards**

In 1998 a special prize was awarded for the building of the decade. The success of this led to the building of the century prize being awarded in 2001.

- Building of the decade (1998): Judge Institute of Management Studies (John Outram Associates)
- Building of the century (2001): Parkside Pools (S & P Architects)

## **Pre-1998 awards**

Until 1998 the awards were held every two years, with prizes given for best new building, best extension, alteration or conservation of an existing building, and street work which has made the greatest improvement to the city.

### **1997**

- Best college or university building: Jesus College Quincentenary Library (Evans and Shalev)
- Best new residential building: Flower Street (Paul Harney Associates)
- Best Streetscape enhancement or landscaping scheme: Madingley Road Park & Ride (CCC Landscape Design Group and Paul Marshall, City Council Architects)
- Special craftsmanship award: Eaden Lilly shopfront (Barber Casanovas Ruffles)

### **1995**

- Best new building: University Athletics Centre (S & P Architects)
- Best restoration, extension or alteration of an existing building: St John's College Library (Edward Cullinan Architects)
- Greatest improvement to the street scene: The cleaning of the Zion Baptist Church, East Road (Hirst Conservation)

### **1993**

- Best new building: Fitzwilliam College Chapel (MacCormac, Jamieson, Pritchard & Wright)
- Best restoration, extension or alteration of an existing building: The Eagle, Bene't Street (Nick Cannell, Greene King & Co. Architects, and John Wisbey, Ison Wisbey Associates)
- Best landscaping, paving or other works in the street scene: Sussex Street pedestrianisation (CCC Landscape Design Group)

## **1991**

- Best new building: Blue Boar Court, Trinity College (MacCormac, Jamieson, Pritchard & Wright)
- Best landscaping, paving or other works in the street scene: Boundary wall repairs, Jesus College (Donald Insall Associates)
- Best restoration, extension or alteration of an existing building: Ditchburn Place (Cambridge City Architects)

## **1989**

- Best new building: New Court, Fitzwilliam College (MacCormac, Jamieson, Pritchard & Wright)
- Best restoration: Wall paintings at All Saint's Church, Jesus Lane (Hirst Conservation)
- Best extension: 9 Hertford Street (Nicholas Hellawell)