

Cheshire builds on new foundations



Best One Off House and overall Supreme Winner...
Oak Tree House, Alderley Edge

Cheshire's local authorities held their 10th Annual Built in Quality Awards in April to honour those dedicated architects, designers and contractors who have provided clients with a peerless product

The Cheshire awards took place at the beginning of April in the beautiful setting of the Mere Golf & Country Club near Knutsford.

This year, with local government reorganisation, the County of Cheshire has been split from the old eight authorities, into three Unitary authorities, two new ones being Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East, along with the existing Warrington Borough Council.

The evening's proceedings

began with a sumptuous meal for the 160 attendees, followed by the after dinner speaker, BBC's Alan Beswick, who gave a humorous account of his early days in Warrington and how he got into local radio.

Then it was straight into the main event of the evening, the presentation of the awards for this year's seven main category winners. And the winners were:

BEST DOMESTIC EXTENSION

WPI Homes Ltd for Bexton Hall, Knutsford

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BEST ONE OFF HOUSE/ CONVERSION

M H Stainton Ltd, for Oak Tree House, Alderley Edge

BEST HOUSING/RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

P H Property Holdings Ltd, for Kennels Farm, Arley

BEST PUBLIC/COMMUNITY PROJECT

Morgan Ashurst, for the Lifestyle Centre, Winsford

BEST COMMERCIAL PROJECT

RCL Construction, for The 1539 Restaurant and Trainers



Best Domestic Extension: Bexton Hall, Knutsford.
Inset photograph show the new Mercedes Garage in Warrington. The architects for project, Taylor Design, won the Best Architect/Agent accolade



Best Housing/Residential winner: Kennel Farm, Arley



Best project for accessibility: St Elphins Park County Primary School

◀ Pavillion at Chester Racecourse

BEST PROJECT FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Conlon Construction for St. Elphins Park County Primary School

BEST ARCHITECT/AGENT

Taylor Design of Wilmslow

SUPREME WINNER

M H Stainton for Oak Tree House

The overall winners were presented with a beautiful Dragoncraft hand-crafted crystal trophy by Alan Beswick with a special, larger version for the Supreme Winner.

Once again Granada TV's Trevor Green acted as an excellent Master of Ceremonies, organising the evenings formalities and more importantly, the raffle, which this year achieved £1,285 for Bowel Cancer UK, the chosen chaity of LABC President Jeremy Hall.

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Finally, after all the tense excitement of the evening, those who were still able took to the floor to dance into the wee small hours of the morning.

Ian Bunn, Building Control Manager for Cheshire East said: “The evening proved to be a huge success. The event has gone from strength to strength over the years, bringing together building control staff, construction professionals and members of the councils, recognising what



Best Public/Community winner: The Lifestyle Centre, Winsford



Best commercial project: The new pavillion at Chester Racecourse

can be achieved by working together.
 "Cheshire has proved that this annual awards event has become more prestigious every year since its inception, with more and more contractors not only requesting to be put forward as nominees, but proudly advertising to the world when they do become winners, surely an indictment of the event."
 "The transition to the new Cheshire Councils also made the event more significant, realising the future whilst

recognising the success of the past. The Built in Quality Awards represent the proactive approach of building control services throughout Cheshire and organised by individuals within the building control service.
 "Special thanks must go to the superb staff at the Mere Golf & Country Club, an enthralling Alan Beswick, Trevor Green, Fisher Audio & Visual, the Cheshire Building Control Managers, and a special thank you to Bernard Woolley of Cheshire East, without whom this event

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would not have been the success it was.
 "And finally, last but not least, those tireless workers of the Cheshire Marketing Group."