

The Awards

There is a cup for each category and, if awarded, is to be held for one year. Often, developments are judged to be Highly Commended or Commended. All recipients of awards will receive a framed certificate to keep.

The Winners

The winners will be announced in The Dorking Advertiser, and the presentation of the awards will take place at a venue to be advised.

The Judges

The persons who have expressed interest to date are -

Mrs Beryl Higgins – retired architect, member of Dorking & District Preservation Society and team member of the DDPS Planning Committee

Mr Peter Mills ARIBA – Historic Environment Officer of Mole Valley District Council.

Mr Malcolm Johnston – past District Councillor and member/Judge of the Panel.

Mr Gavin Pearce – Architect – team member of DDPS Planning Committee.

Mr Clive Smith – past Officer of Planning Department of Mole Valley District Council and past Judge of the Panel.

Mr Anthony Wakefield – Insurance Broker (Fine Arts).

Mr Alan Loryman – past Officer of Tower Hamlets Borough Council.

Application forms for the competition can be downloaded from the website: www.dorkingdps.org.uk



Dorking & District Preservation Society

The Society monitors legislation and evolution of local policies in the fields of development planning via its Strategic Planning Group, countryside planning, conservation and road & air transport. It keeps a week-by-week watch at Pipbrook (Mole Valley District Council offices) on planning applications and expresses views on some to assist in the local authorities decision-making by the way of written submissions. The Society also sponsors projects for school children and organises Heritage Open Days in Dorking. It owns and runs the Dorking Museum in West Street that includes the Local History Group.

If you would like to be associated with, or help us with our aims and activities, either as an individual, company or organisation, we invite you to join the Society.

Further information can be obtained from:

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The Best Development Competition 2017



The Best Development Competition

- The aim of the competition which was established in 1990 is to recognise and promote good building design.
- The competition is open to new and converted buildings, including extensions of any size and character in the southern part of Mole Valley District – from Dorking southwards.
- The competition will run between 1 September 2016 and 31 March 2018.

Anyone can nominate a development – all you need to do is complete the application form and forward to Jean Pearson, Osbrooks Lodge, Horsham Road, Capel RH5 5JH or info@dorkingdps.org.uk. Closing date for nominations is 30 June 2018.

Competition Criteria

Ideally – but not essential – developments should be visible from public places so that winning developments can be admired without going onto private property.



The competition is divided into 3 categories

1. Large (*bigger than average sized, four bedroom house*)
2. Small
3. Heritage Conservation

The judges will be looking for –

- Relationship of the development to its surroundings
- Imaginative and efficient use of the site
- The contribution the development makes to the appearance of the locality
- Sensitive and interesting use of good quality materials
- Good workmanship
- Access and parking arrangements including access for the disabled
- Quality of any landscaping



Heritage Conservation Award

Entries are invited for projects that involved the repair and/or restoration of the historic built environment. These can include the high quality repair of listed buildings or other buildings that are, in the opinion of the judges, of local historic interest. It can also include the reinstatement of lost period details. Awards may be made for projects that involved the alterations/extension of listed buildings if there is a significant element of repair and renovation.

