

## Award Winners 2013

The 2013 Awards were announced at the Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013. The following identifies the buildings and includes the observations made by the judge, Mr Chris Twomey BA (Hons) Dip Arch RIBA.

### 1. New buildings –

#### **Highly Commended: Chestnut Grange, Extra Care Housing, Anglesey Road**

Owner: Trent & Dove Housing Association

Builders: Bullock Construction

Architects: Walker Troup Architects Ltd

Project managers & Cost assessors: DBK



“This development comprises 67 apartments (1 and 2 bedroom), arranged around attractive landscaped gardens. The scheme features a welcoming entrance lobby, enclosed with a dramatic sweep of curved glass, designed to make a bold statement. The building, at two storeys in height, blends well with the existing terraced housing across the

street. The facade is well articulated to 'break down' the long elevation and give a sense of individual dwellings in a terrace format, albeit designed in a refresh and contemporary manner. Inside, the communal areas, including lounge, cafe/restaurant, therapy and shop all combine to create a very welcoming and homely character, with a central glass lantern at the heart of the living/dining area, providing a dramatic and attractive design feature. There is good access to the gardens from communal areas, with individual apartments enjoying private patios or balconies.”

#### **Commended: YMCA Reconnect Building, ASDA Roundabout**

Owner: Burton YMCA

Co-developer: Midland Heart Housing Association



“A modest but striking building, this small infill development provides a drop-in support centre for the homeless and a gateway to 'transition' accommodation, provided in the neighbouring buildings on both sides. The main road frontage comprises a curved blue brick facade, with oversailing entrance canopy. The building asserts itself on the corner, with a stepped

approach to the main entrance (a disabled visitors' access is located to the rear). Inside, the building is light and bright, with a number of consulting/meeting rooms and facilities available on the ground and lower ground floors, including communal kitchen/dining area for use by residents and visitors. This development enables the delivery of an important service in providing care for the homeless and helping with the difficult and often slow process of reintegrating individuals. It offers practical support and guidance, as well as modern, warm and safe accommodation.”

**Commended: Harvester and Toby Carvery Buildings, Wellington Road.**

Owner: Mitchells & Butlers plc

King & Co - Lead Designer for Toby

Design Coalition - Lead Designer for Harvester



“This comprises two new pub/restaurant buildings, set back from the main road, with parking to the rear. The development provides popular family dining facilities for locals and visitors to Burton. The two buildings have been designed as a pair, based on a 'standard format' with only subtle changes in branding to differentiate one from another. Whilst the buildings appear crisp and modern, they are set well back from the main road and their scale and form is such that they are unable to make a significant impact, in terms of contributing to the local townscape. However, it is felt that they are still worthy of some recognition.”

**2. Refurbished Properties – Highly Commended: 107 Station Street**

Initial Owner and Developer: Optima (Cambridge) Limited



“This project involves the comprehensive refurbishment and conversion of the huge and characterful former brewery, latterly an inflexible and ‘tired’ Victorian building. The scale and ambition of this project cannot fail to impress. New and

attractive studio and office spaces have been created, with bold interiors, with their strong primary colours, being a unifying feature of the scheme. Care has been taken to retain key features (of which there are many) and the overall result is a

highly individual building, which is appealing to a growing range of new and established businesses. In addition to the trendy 'chill-out' zones in communal areas, there is a new holistic centre providing tenants/office workers with the opportunity to take advantage of Reiki, Indian Head Massage, Aromatherapy and Reflexology during lunchtimes and evenings. This is another highly distinctive feature of the building. This is an imaginative and well executed project, and one that has seen an important local landmark saved from dereliction. The hope is that the management team can build on their early success and continue to convert/let the remainder of this vast building.”

3. **Environmental Schemes – The 2013 Environmental Award was made to Winshill Parish Council** (Silver Award in Heart of England in Bloom) for their work in respect of planting and other enhancements in the Parish of Winshill.



4. **Olga Lloyd Award – the 2013 Award was made jointly to the Brewhouse Volunteer Stewards and to the BADAC Volunteers @ the Brewhouse Bar.** The Award was made for their contribution to the cultural life of Burton upon Trent.

