

Call for entries



Saltire Society

**Housing
Design
Awards
2009**



2008 Awards, Commendations & Special Mention

Established in 1937 the Saltire Society Housing Design Awards recognise and celebrate the best new housing, neighbourhoods and places in Scotland. The Scottish Government acknowledges the role of the Housing Design Awards Panel in supporting its Policy for Architecture in Scotland, particularly in relation to place-making.

The awards are the premier recognition of excellence in housing design in Scotland. This year due to the current economic downturn the entry fee has been halved to encourage entries from as many practices as possible from all over Scotland. In the past, practices of all sizes have been recognised and this has helped significantly to raise their profile.

Please register your intention to enter via email to:

saltire@saltiresociety.org.uk by **Monday 27 April 2009**

To enter go to www.saltirehousingdesignawards.org and download the forms.

Entries should be sent to arrive by **12 noon on 29 May 2009** to:

**The Secretary, Housing Design Panel, The Saltire Society, 9 Fountain Close,
22 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1TF**

Convener's Statement

As we near the end of the first decade of the 21st century, the state of housing reflects the current uncertainties in the economy and concerns about climate change. How is housing to change and adapt when we come out of the current recession?

The quality of the housing we build is paramount to a successful way forward. Houses must address the increasing need to cut carbon emissions; they must be flexible and adaptable to allow for changing needs; they must be durable and attractive. Lower cost or affordable homes should share these ambitions. The Scottish Government's policy statement "Designing Places" and the forthcoming "Designing Streets" are radical and optimistic indicators of change.

How can these aims be achieved in a shrinking economy, yet with the government target of 35,000 new homes per year?

The Awards Panel recognise that there is an apparent mismatch between these goals and the means to achieve them. Homes built in 2008 and put forward for awards are likely to have been conceived in more optimistic times. However, we hope that entries for the awards will show pointers to the future direction of housing design and quality of placemaking.

Simon Winstanley.

The awards

1. Award-winning entries will receive an illuminated diploma and a plaque for attachment to the building. Commended entries will receive an illuminated diploma. Details of all shortlisted entries will be posted on the Society's website and contribute to forming an archive of housing in Scotland.

2. A builder of award-winning or commended housing may receive an additional award on the recommendation of the Chartered Institute of Building.

3. The panel wishes to recognise excellence and innovation in housing design, and particularly projects that create a sense of place and identity within the environment in which they are located.

The projects may consist of:

- High Density Housing – over 50 dwellings per hectare
- Low Density Housing – 20 to 50 dwellings per hectare
- Small Works.

All three categories will be open to public and private works.

Entry requirements

4. Entries are restricted to work completed in Scotland in 2008.

5. Entries may be submitted by owners, builders, developers, architects, architectural technicians, public or semi-public bodies, and individuals who have commissioned works in Scotland.

6. Entry Fee: £50.00 (including VAT)

7. A well designed housing or residential project will acknowledge its situation, be fit for purpose, coherent, adaptable, sustainable in the widest sense and, last but not least, bring delight to its users and enhance the quality of their lives.

8. In “Firm Foundations”, the recent public consultation on housing by the Scottish Government, concern was expressed about the quality and impact of residential developments. The Panel shares this concern and would welcome submissions from the private sector and others that:

- Involve multiple tenures
- Involve multiple housing providers
- Address place-making
- Address sustainability

9. A clearly distinct stage of a large development which has already received an award is eligible for an extension award.

10. While all types of construction will be considered, the Panel wishes to encourage good design in timber frame housing.

How to enter

11. Entry form and information sheets 1, 2, & 3 should be completed and electronically submitted on CD together with 2 sets of drawings and images at 300dpi and 72dpi resolution respectively, making them suitable for exhibition, publication, archiving, and posting on The Saltire Society website.

The CD should contain:

- **Drawings:**
 - location map with OS references & postcode
 - site layout plan
 - block plans
 - house/flat layout plans
 - elevations, sections etc
- **Photographs:**
 - a total of no more than 6 at 300dpi (tiff) and 72dpi (tiff) resolutions.
- **Information Sheet 1:**
 - list of the project team
- **Information Sheet 2:**
 - a description of the project, covering the client’s brief, features of the site, numbers and mix of dwelling types and house design, on a single A4 sheet:

CDs should be clearly labelled with the year of your submission, the name of the entrant and the title of the project.

Accompanying the CD, entrants must also supply a clearly-titled loose leaf A4 file containing paper copies of all the entry material, including computer prints of the photographs.

12. The Saltire Society may wish to retain all entry material for record, publication or exhibition purposes, including posting on the Society’s website. Entrants should make themselves and their team aware that, by way of entry, they give their consent to this requirement and sign the entry form accordingly.

Entry form

for works completed in 2008

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Title of project

Please complete a separate entry form for each scheme. Photocopies are acceptable.

In the event of your project gaining an Award or Commendation, the wording for the illuminated diploma will be taken directly from this information, so please ensure that all details are full and accurate. It will assist us greatly if you TYPE or use BLOCK CAPITALS to complete the information asked for on this form.

Entry submitted by:

Name

Address

Postcode

Name of contact

Telephone

The Saltire Society is currently building a web-based, digital archive of the best housing in Scotland and if your project is shortlisted it is intended that the details, images and drawings you provide will be added to this. Please sign below to confirm your consent to the material you have provided being digitally archived, made available on the Saltire website and published by the Saltire Society and others promoting good architecture and place-making in Scotland. If any material requires to be credited please indicate and provide the relevant details on the material.

I confirm that I am authorised to consent to the material I have provided to be digitally archived by the Saltire Society, made available on the Saltire website and published by the Saltire Society and others promoting good architecture and place-making in Scotland.

Name

Company

Position

Signature

Date

Submissions shall consist of the following items:

Completed entry form together with:

CD and A4 file containing:

- drawings as specified
- photographs (6 maximum)
- list of the project team (Information Sheet 1)
- description of project (Information Sheet 2)
- entry fee of £50.00 (payable to The Saltire Society)

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Information Sheet 1 Project team

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Title of project and address

Title

Address

Post Code

Contact, if access is required

Name

Contact name

Address

Post Code

Tel

email

Architect

Name

Contact name

Address

Post Code

Tel

email

Website

Commissioned by

Name

Contact name

Address

Post Code

Tel

email

Website

Builder

Name

Contact name

Address

Post Code

Tel

email

Website

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Information Sheet 2 Description of project

Title of the project

Project type

Individual Small (2-20 units) Medium (21-50 units) Large (51+ units)

Context

City: inner city City: suburban Town centre Small town Rural

Sector

Private Public Housing Association

Cost

Total construction cost £

Cost per square metre £

Description of project – 1 page

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The Saltire Society was founded in 1936 to encourage everything that might improve the quality of life in Scotland .

It seeks to preserve all that is best in Scottish tradition and to encourage new developments which can strengthen and enrich the country's cultural life. It has wide ranging interests including history, literature, music, the sciences, architecture, and planning. It promotes excellence in many fields through a series of national awards and seeks to influence decision makers in Scotland through its committees.

The objectives of the Society are to:

- increase awareness of Scotland's distinct natural and cultural heritage in all its richness and diversity.
- enhance the quality of Scotland's contribution to all the arts and sciences by encouraging creativity, inventiveness, and achievement of the highest standards of excellence in these fields.
- build on the achievements of the past to advance Scotland's standing as a vibrant, creative force in European civilisation.
- improve all aspects of Scottish life and letters at home. and abroad, and strengthen Scotland's cultural links with other countries and peoples.

Visit our websites:

www.saltiresociety.org.uk

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Cover photographs:

1. **Four House Development, Coishletter, Edinbane, Isle of Skye**
Arch: Rural Design - **Award**
2. **Ballater Street/Waddell Street, Gordbals, Glasgow**
Arch: Page/Park - **Award**
3. **Doonholm, Corton Howe, Ayr**
Arch: Austin-Smith Lord LLP - **Award**
4. **GH20, Glasgow Harbour, Glasgow**
Arch: Gordon Murray & Andrew Dunlop Architects - **Special Mention**
5. **Todlaw Supported Housing, Todlaw, Duns**
Arch: Oliver Chapman Architects - **Special Mention**
6. **Affordable Housing, Ardmish, Gigha**
Arch: CP Architects - **Commendation**
7. **Hope, Pathhead, Midlothian**
Arch: ICOSIS Architects - **Commendation**