



PRESS RELEASE

Loughton Building Design Awards 2023 – presentation

This award scheme was introduced by the Town Council to recognise and reward individual examples of good design and construction in 2012, and to raise public awareness of the built environment within Loughton.

We look for building works completed in the previous 12 months that either:

- enhance the town
- improve a dilapidated building
- upgrade or enhance a conservation area, or are
- noteworthy in terms of design or innovation.

This year, the judges unanimously chose to award 49 Church Lane, as the winner for 2023.



49 Church Lane



*Mr Wheeler & Town Mayor
Cllr Barbara Cohen*

The Town Council is keen to protect and preserve the architectural heritage of Loughton.

The judges, Cllrs Barbara Cohen, Town Mayor; Carol Davies, Chairman of the Planning & Licensing Committee and Chris Pond, Chairman of the Environment & Heritage Committee remarked that:

“A great deal of time and effort has been taken with this. No 49 is a recently restored 1920s Wrenaissance house for C F Clark by the renowned firm of Wallis Gilbert and Partners. A fine job has been done with the detailing, particularly the bold extension of the modillion cornice. Everything is right, it all looks in keeping and makes a worthy addition to the varied streetscapes of Church Lane and adds interest to the scene at the crossroads. The builders have managed to make it look entirely as if it belongs. Atelier73, the architects, have, we think made a good job, and thoroughly deserve the award.”

The Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Cohen, presented the homeowners and developers Mr & Mr Wheeler with their award at the Annual Town Meeting on 15 March 2023. Unfortunately, the architects, Atelier73, were unable to attend to receive their award but were delighted with the accolade, particularly being unaware of the nomination.

This year the judges also awarded a Certificate of Merit to the owner of 57 Newmans Lane, for renovations made to their property. The judges commented on this project *“this is in an ex-local authority house, part of the original Debden Estate. The property is one of the post war permanent prefabricated British Iron and Steel Federation Houses. Since it had become quite dilapidated over time, it has been given a complete yet sensitive makeover”*.

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