

PRESS RELEASE

Loughton Building Design Awards 2022 - 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 140 Forest Road, as the winner for 2022.



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

The judges, Cllrs Rose Brookes, Town Mayor; Trevor Downing, Chairman of the Planning & Licensing Committee and Chris Pond, Chairman of the Environment & Heritage Committee remarked that "the refurbishment included restoration of the front elevation which had been very inappropriately altered in the 1980s with alien design windows and vivid green painted brickwork. Authentic wooden sash windows were replaced, with the brickwork cleaned off and beautifully pointed. This property is prominent in the street scene and the renovation respects the style of the Victorian cottage retaining the character of this part of Loughton."

The Town Mayor, Cllr Rose Brookes, announced the award winner at the Annual Town Meeting on 16 March 2022. Unfortunately, the owners, Mr and Mrs Kosh 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 Concept 55 Architects, for renovations to 68 Church Hill. The judges commented on this project "this was a neat way of enlarging a rather small and run-down house, adopting the style of its immediate Victorian neighbours to the south, forming an architecturally cohesive and interesting group. Any other approach (eg, a modern design) would have detracted from the street scene".

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