

Autumn 2000 Newsletter

Message from the Chairman

Please note that the newsletters contain un-edited extracts which have not been updated

DESIGN AWARDS 2000

Members and guests of the society gathered on the evening of Wednesday 11 October in Ealing Town Hall to see the presentation of this year's awards by Mr. Geoffrey Crispin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Thames Valley University. The awards this year were made to the following schemes:

Willow Tree Primary School, Northolt

(Unicorn Architects for London Borough of Ealing)



Ealing Abbey (Cloisters), W5

(Sir William Whitfield & Partners, for the St Benedict's Trust)

[left]

The Japanese Garden, Ellen Wilkinson Foundation School, W3

(commendation) (staff and students of the school, for the school) [right]



The short-listed schemes were:

300-320 Acton Lane, W3 [warehouse conversion] [image]

Coopergate, High Street, W3 [shops/flats development]

Ealing Abbey Extension, W5 [new church addition] [image]

Ellen Wilkinson High School, W3 [Japanese Garden & Arts Block] [image]

Pitshanger Manor, W5 [archway restoration]

St. Aidan's Court, W13 [church to flats conversion] [image]

St. Barnabas Millennium Hall, W5 [new church hall] [image]

1 St. Mary's Road/77 Webster Gardens, W5 [new housing] [image]

Smith's Farm Bridge, Northolt/Greenford Park [new bridge] [image]

Willow Tree Primary School, Northolt [new school]

ANNUAL AWARDS SCHEME

The Society introduced its Annual Awards in 1989, for development projects within the London Borough of Ealing which the Society believes to be of noteworthy quality.

These have been the Awards to date (commendations indicated ©):

- 1989 Clock Gallery, St Mary's Road, W5
St. Mark's Court, Lower Boston Road, W7
- 1990 Burlington House, Ealing Common W5
- 1991 Ealing Magistrates Court, W13
Acton Swimming Baths, W3
- 1992 Glaxo Atrium, Greenford
11a Montpelier Road, W5
- 1993 King Street pedestrianisation, W3
Tesco Hoover building, Perivale
- 1994 Glaxo multi-storey car park, Greenford
217-225 Acton High Street, W3
- 1995 Rectory Cottage, Church Road, W7
Windmill Park Community Centre, Southall ©
- 1996 St.Saviour's School extension, The Grove, W5
West Acton Primary School, Noel Road, W3
- 1997 Elm Trees Surgery, Horsenden Lane North, Greenford
86 Ranelagh Road, W5 ©
- 1998 Neighbourhood Care Centre, former Featherstone Arms, Southall ©
North Acton tube station landscaping and access, Victoria Road, W3 ©
Marks & Spencer's second floor extension, W5 ©
- 1999 Ealing Park Health Centre, South Ealing Road, W5 ©
Mill Hill Gardens landscaping, W3 ©
- 2000 The Japanese Garden, Ellen Wilkinson Foundation School, W3 ©
Willow Tree Primary School, Northolt
Ealing Abbey (Cloisters), W5

EALING TOWN CENTRE FORUM: update Autumn 2000

A team of consultants is working to a planning brief covering the Ealing Broadway area written jointly by the Council and Legal & General (L&G). These consultants are bringing their evolving ideas to a steering group that includes three representatives of the Forum as well as officers of the Council and L&G. It has therefore been possible to keep the consultants constantly aware of the public priorities perceived by the Forum particularly in the light of the 2400 responses to the questionnaire circulated to residents and shoppers by the Forum.

This process has slowed down progress but a draft report is to be submitted to the Forum and the Council before Christmas and the whole matter will become the subject of intensive public consultation in the New Year. The document is likely to differ greatly from earlier speculation in the local press and, of course, may still not meet the priorities of the Council, the Forum, the Civic Society or the community at large. Some interesting discussions are anticipated in 2001!

WEST EALING

A working group has been established to consider the future of West Ealing, which clearly needs special attention. It quickly became clear that consideration needed to be given to a wider area than the commercial core within the Forum boundary. The group has, therefore, begun a joint approach with the Council's regeneration team responsible for broader community issues.

The team has interested Groundwork West London, a major environment trust, in giving priority to West Ealing in using lottery funds allocated to London. The Council has responded with substantial funding which will enable the early appointment of specialist urban regeneration consultants working to a brief prepared by the Council and the Forum.

Their task will be to analyse the issues they perceive in West Ealing, arrange a series of consultative events with local residents, shoppers, businesspeople, community groups and councillors to discuss their views on the issues and their ideas for action and to produce an advisory action report.

TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The Town Centre Manager has continued her dialogue with the Council aimed at short-term improvements in the town centre. Chewing gum has been cleared from the pavements once, although clearly this must be a regular activity. The regular street-cleaning regime has been improved but the Council is aware that the Forum wants higher standards still.

Pressure on graffiti has resulted in the Council producing a complete survey of graffiti in Ealing Broadway and West Ealing. The Council has appointed an Anti-Graffiti Officer to manage two teams removing graffiti throughout the Borough. This is gratifying, but the Forum is demanding more than the present one day's work a week in each centre.

Work on major improvement to Ealing Broadway station forecourt, which the Forum has pressed hard for, is still only at the planning stage, partly delayed through the restructuring of the Council. Preparations are in hand for Christmas to improve the cleanliness, friendliness and general attractiveness of the two shopping centres. Members can hasten improvements by writing to the Town Centre Manager, the Council and to the Society itself about improvements they would like to see in the town centres.

GRAFFITI IN EALING

Members must surely be aware of the growing menace of graffiti, in some areas appearing on every available wall, fence, electricity box, and traffic sign. As reported on the front page, Ealing Council has made the welcome appointment of an Anti-Graffiti Officer, Ms Roni White.

Ms White co-ordinates the work of two graffiti removal teams who clean graffiti on Council buildings and structures. The removal of offensive material is top priority.

However, she is also targeting graffiti on surfaces not owned by the council, e.g. flank walls at road junctions in residential areas where owners have been unable or unwilling to clean off the graffiti. Owners will be served with a legal notice asking them to remove the graffiti, and offenders caught defacing walls etc. will be prosecuted.

To report graffiti in the Borough, particularly any new occurrences, please phone the Graffiti Hotline, 020 8832 6464.

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