

Spelthorne celebrates good design

What links

a subway mural, a new area of public open space, two housing schemes, the refurbishment of a listed building and two new pieces of public art?



Sunbury Cross Subway

Answer: They head a bumper crop of winners in this year's

The mural in the Sunbury Cross subway is a remarkable art project produced by young people in the local community working with a community artist. The project, which was supported by both the Borough and County Councils, has improved the environment of the subway and deterred vandalism as well as creating a fine piece of art in its own right.

The mural shared top prize in the environmental improvements category with the enhancement of Orchard Meadow in Lower Sunbury. This was a successful project by Spelthorne Council to acquire a field close to the village centre and lay it out as an area of informal open space for the benefit of the local community with footpath links to the

adjacent Walled Garden and Sunbury Park.

It was also a good year for housing schemes. Top prize was shared by Swan Hill Homes for Wraysbury Gardens in Staines, an estate near the town centre that managed to combine a relatively high density with good design and provision for landscaping, and Charles Church Developments for Greenfield Nurseries in Laleham, a small edge of town development incorporating innovative design features.

Recent improvements in Staines town centre were also recognised. The High Street pedestrianisation, the Riverside Park and the new Staines Community Centre were all highly

commended, while the main awards in the Art in Development category went to the Sail Features next to the river and the Spelthorne mosaic in the High Street.

The Building Restoration award was scooped by the residents of Laleham Abbey. Working with designer Robin Dyos they have completed a highly successful refurbishment of the interior of this listed building, which is converted into flats.

Also recognised were two projects for Apex Housing Association, Elizabeth Court in Sunbury and Verona Court in Ashford.



Orchard Meadow, Sunbury



Greenfield Nurseries Site



Wraysbury Gardens

2003 winners

CATEGORY	NOMINATED SCHEME	AWARD
A New Commercial	Offices at 203-211 London Road, Staines	Highly Commended
	Staines Community Centre	Highly Commended
B New Residential	Wraysbury Gardens, Moor Lane Staines	Award
	Former Greenfield Nurseries site Ashford Road, Laleham	Award
	Elizabeth Court, Elizabeth Gardens, Sunbury	Commended
	Verona Court, Feltham Road, Ashford	Commended
C Residential Extension	"Langston" Walton Lane, Shepperton	Highly Commended
	359 Ashford Road, Laleham	Commended
D Shop Fronts & Advertisements	N/A	N/A
E Environmental Improvements	Orchard Meadow, Sunbury	Award
	Sunbury Cross Subway	Award
	Riverside Park / Memorial Gardens, Staines	Highly Commended
	High Street Pedestrianisation, Staines	Highly Commended
	'Funky Footprints' Nature Reserve, Shepperton	Commended
F Building Restoration	Refurbishment of main hall, stairs and ceiling, Laleham Abbey, Laleham	Award
G Land Restoration	Land Adjacent to St Nicholas School, Shepperton	Commended
H Access for Disabled People	"Elms Two" Bingham Drive, Staines	Commended
	Riverside Park / Memorial Gardens, Staines	Commended
	High Street Pedestrianisation, Staines	Commended
I Design Against Crime	Elizabeth Court Elizabeth Gardens, Sunbury	Commended
	Verona Court, Feltham Road, Ashford	Commended
J Art in Development	Sail Features Riverside Park, Staines	Award
	Mosaic (Spelthorne Crest), High Street, Staines	Award
	Roman Frieze, Adjacent to Old Police Station, London Road, Staines	Highly Commended
	Dancing Fountains, Riverside Park, Staines	Highly Commended
	War Memorial Water Feature, Market Square, Staines	Highly Commended



Spelthorne Design Awards.

Access Award Winners

The Spelthorne Design Awards are run in conjunction with SCAN, the Spelthorne Committee for Access Now, which makes awards in the Access for Disabled People category.

This year it commended the High Street pedestrianisation and the Riverside Park along with internal adaptations to meet the needs of a disabled occupier of a private dwelling in Laleham.

Sail Features, Riverside Park, Staines



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Mosaic (Spelthorne Crest), Staines