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Into the blue

'Project of the Year'

Cory Environmental Trust Visitor Centre - this year's RICS Awards East of England 'Project of the Year' - has a unique story to tell. This state of the art visitor centre stands on a former landfill site

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Winner:
Warren House, on the remains of the Kimbolton Castle Estate

Owner:
The Landmark Trust

Architect:
Oliver Caroe Architecture

Contractor:
Modplan Contractors

BUILDING CONSERVATION

Warren House 'burrows time'



L_R: Amy Leader from the RICS East of England Awards judging panel, Alister Dick-Cleland of Landmark Trust, Colin Wuestner of Modplan Building Contractors, Colin Slade of Modplan Building Contractors, Mark Sharratt of The Landmark Trust.

Projects entered into the Building Conservation category are rewarded for the contribution to preserving heritage in the built environment. This year, Landmark Trust's restoration of a 16th Century Warren House in the grounds of Kimbolton Castle Estate was deemed the best 'all round' entrant and scooped the top prize.

In 2005, the owners of a small plot of farmland donated what was, a derelict skeleton of a 17th Century Warren House. In the 17th and 18th centuries, successive Dukes of Manchester had remodelled the building, as part of the renovation of the nearby Kimbolton Castle. Yet, despite its historic significance, this modest and beautiful building had spent the last decade empty, vandalised and in disrepair.

In total, the restoration cost £610,000, raised from grants from The Monument Trust, English Heritage and Huntingdonshire District Council. Now restored to a Grade II listed building, the landmark is proving a highly popular tourist attraction with some 1000 people attending the opening weekend alone.

Highly commended
Bruisyard Hall, Woodbridge

Shortlisted projects
Pembroke College Dining Hall, Cambridge
Chantry Farm Barn, Suffolk
The Warren House, Cambridge
Bruisyard Hall, Woodbridge



Winner:
Chantry Farm Barn, Suffolk

Architects:
Hudson Architects

Contractor:
Harton Hutton Ltd

Surveyor:
Andrew Morton Associates Ltd

RESIDENTIAL

In with the old

The Residential Category is new to RICS East of England Awards and recognises innovation in private and public housing. Chantry Farm Barn pipped other large –scale developments to the post as judges remarked that it was the best barn conversion they had ever seen.

Here, Hudson Architects cleverly converted two adjacent Grade II listed 17th and 18th century timber framed barns into a single family home. Double height spaces have been used throughout to allow long sight lines and to retain large open spaces. Meanwhile, the beautiful timber frames have been left exposed, some, dating back to early medieval times. Walkways through the building and magnificent open fire add further drama to this new family home.

The design brief included the preservation of the barn's original features and the judging panel were particularly impressed by the juxtaposition of the ancient frame with a modern, elegant interior design.

Highly commended

Land West of Bedford
Cherry Tree Close

Shortlisted projects

Ditchingham Passivhaus, Ditchingham
Wimbish Passivhaus, Wimbish
Cherry Tree Close, Wortham
Chantry Farm Barn, Suffolk
Cambridge Riverside, Cambridge
Land West, Bedford



L_R: Sean Tompkins CEO of RICS, Anthony Hudson of Hudson Architects, Amy Leader from the RICS East of England Awards judging panel.