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Grand Designs
HOME OF THE YEAR
...revealed!



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Home of the Year *Award 2011*

Extensions, new-builds, eco homes, renovations, refits, and change-of-use properties all jostled for our attention within a single category. We chose two highly commended homes and one overall winner

Highly commended



BAVENT HOUSE

A new-build in Suffolk by Anthony Hudson and Jonathan Tipper of Hudson Architects

The judges said this was an example of 'bold and brave architecture'. The four-bedroom family home responds to its amazing site and makes the most of the spectacular views across the salt marshes towards the sea. The building utilises a ground source heat pump for heating and hot water, while using recycled newspaper insulation for the walls. The frame is made from engineered timber with locally crafted, purpose-made timber windows. It was also intended that the house should be designed in such a way that it could be built over a series of stages, depending on the availability of finances.

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- A U-shaped plan, which creates a south-facing courtyard with guest bedrooms in one wing and everyday rooms in another.
- The dramatic tilt of the main roof allows rainwater to be collected and reused in the surrounding garden.
- The distinctive black zinc cladding is a nod to the local architecture of agricultural barns and the beach huts of Southwold in Suffolk; the timber should weather to blend in with the long grass and reeds of the area.

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TY-HEDFAN

A new-build in Pontfaen, Brecon, by Featherstone Young

The judges described this flexible home for a small family as 'stunning; a remarkable building'. The house has added guest accommodation, which can be closed off completely when not in use, and the design takes full advantage of its riverside position. Carefully framed views, the direct relationship with the natural surroundings and the changing quality of light throughout the day are the stand-out features of living in this house, combined with the use of local materials and craftsmanship.

DESIGN HIGHLIGHTS

- The cantilevered wing hangs over the river to avoid the statutory 6m no-build zone along the riverbank.
- The other wing is sunk into the slope of the site and has a green roof to blend with the woodland setting.
- The design provides well-planned views from all angles, while a triple-height entrance hall provides access to small areas which then open up into extraordinary vistas.
- Sustainable features include careful use of natural light, thermal mass and insulation to minimise the need for additional heating.

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Constructed largely from locally quarried stone, this contemporary family home meets PassivHaus standards with a range of eco features including photovoltaic-thermal micro-generation

