



# **Guildford Design Awards 2023**



## The Search Is On To Find The Best Buildings In The Borough

From grand designs to granny flats, high street cafes to office hubs, school sites to heritage renovations, The Guildford Design Awards 2023 are now open!

Organised by Guildford Society in partnership with Guildford Borough Council, the Guildford Design Awards (GDA) recognise and reward excellence in architecture, urban design, planning and public art across the borough.

Leader of the Council Cllr Julia McShane said:

"This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate some of the excellent design projects in Guildford borough. I look forward to learning more about them as the awards progress."

Strategic Director of Place, Guildford and Waverley, Dawn Hudd said:

"We are delighted to be supporting The Guildford Design Awards again this year. It is always exciting to see the high-quality designs and projects that the awards uncover. Appreciating the thought that goes into the continued improvement, sustainability, and conservation of architecture in our borough is important; these awards are an excellent way to do that."

Chair of the judges, Peter Coleman, said:

"Guildford Design Awards acknowledge and reward sponsors, designers and builders whose considerable skill and endeavour make projects which conserve, regenerate and add new buildings and spaces to the Borough's rich heritage and Guildford's unique setting. The Awards are important to encourage good design and ensure the ongoing legacy of Guildford's character."

#### There are nine award categories:

- New Commercial Building
- New Public Building
- New Build Individual House
- New Build Multiple Housing smaller projects up to 30 homes
- New Build Multiple Housing larger projects 30 homes and over
- Conservation Project
- Regeneration Project including those involving an extension to an existing building
- Public Realm including soft (landscape) and/or hard works
- Public Art

## **SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FOR A PROJECT**

Projects must have been completed between **June 2021** and **June 2023** to be eligible for free entry to the Awards.

Nominations can be made for a location anywhere in the borough of Guildford. Check our borough boundaries at: https://maps.guildford.gov.uk/atSoloMap\_planning.html

Projects should be submitted, and nominations made no later than Friday 26 May 2023.

Details of how to nominate a project and make a submission see <a href="https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/GDA2023Nomination.html">https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/GDA2023Nomination.html</a>

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## **Notes for Editors**

Details of previous Award winners, including Videos, can be found at: 2021 Awards <a href="https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/GDAWinners.html">https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/GDAWinners.html</a> 2020 Awards <a href="https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/DesignAwards2020winners.html">https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/DesignAwards2020winners.html</a> <a href="https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/DesignAwardsceleb.html">https://www.guildfordsociety.org.uk/DesignAwardsceleb.html</a>

Established in 1935, Guildford Society is dedicated to:

- Conserving the best of Guildford, its heritage and its environs
- Promoting excellence in architecture, urban design and planning
- Influencing the pace and type of development
- Raising the level of public awareness of local issues with the built environment

The Society campaigns on key issues affecting the town and urban area of Guildford, holds public meetings, lectures, events, visits, and interesting talks and more.

