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## **THE BEST IN SCOTTISH HOUSING DESIGN**

The best in Scottish house building design was announced at the Homes for Scotland 2006 Design Awards on Friday 19 May.

The best in brownfield new build, conversion, rural development and greenfield developments were recognised at the annual awards scheme held by the organisation that represents companies building 95% of the country's new homes.

Each year Homes for Scotland holds awards to highlight best practice in the industry and continue to raise quality standards. There was increased competition for this year's awards with a record 64 entries battling it out for the industry's most prestigious accolades. Developments across Scotland were honoured and a special award was also introduced at the judges' request for remarkable levels of achievement and high standards in masterplanning at The Drum development in Bo'ness.

Homes for Scotland membership continues to grow and it now represents over 160 companies. Bruce Black, Executive Director of Homes for Scotland, says that the annual awards scheme is just one of the drivers helping to raise industry standards and set best practice. He said:

"Entries for this years awards were exceptionally good and show increasing standards of quality in design that our members are striving to achieve. We are committed to working with our members to not only design great housing in Scotland but create vibrant, lasting communities in places where people want to live."

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Chaired by Murray Tosh MSP, the judging panel included Alan Denham, formerly of the Scottish Executive, Graham U'ren of RTPI Scotland, Mary Wrenn of RIAS and Rob Joiner of Architecture+Design Scotland.

Encouraged by what he has seen Murray Tosh commented:

“It was a tough job selecting the final entries but we are confident that the winners reflect some of the best standards in housing development design. The introduction of the special award this year to mark outstanding performance is especially promising and we hope will help to encourage other developers to aim for the best in creating sustainable developments.”

The winning entries were as follows:

**Brownfield New Build (large)**

Award to George Wimpey Homes and Elphinstone Group for the Schroder building, Glasgow

Commendation to Miller Homes for Lancefield Quay, Glasgow

Commendation to Bryant Homes for Hopetoun Village, Edinburgh

**Brownfield New Build (medium)**

Award to Miller Homes for Friary Court, Glasgow

Commendation to Mactaggart and Mickel for Kirklands, Renfrew

**Brownfield New Build (small)**

Award to A B Hamilton Ltd (now Kenmore Homes) for Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh

Commendation to Miller Homes for Edinburgh Quay 2, Edinburgh

**Conversion**

Award to Persimmon Homes for former Sheriff Court, Glasgow

Commendation to Persimmon Homes for Anchor Mill, Paisley (with Special Accolade for Conservation)

Commendation to Bryant Homes for Newington Grange, Edinburgh



### **Rural Development**

Award to I & H Brown (Tighmor) Ltd for Auchnaguie, Dunkeld  
Commendation to Chap Homes for Corbie's Linn Park, Maryculter

### **Greenfield/Edge of Settlement**

Award to Stewart Milne Homes for The Drum Phase 3, Bo'ness  
Commendation to Manor Kingdom Group for Kip Marina Village, Inverkip

### **Special Award**

Special Award to Cadell<sup>2</sup> for masterplanning at The Drum, Bo'ness.

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### **Notes to editors:**

Homes for Scotland ([www.homesforscotland.com](http://www.homesforscotland.com)) is the representative membership body for the home building and residential development industry in Scotland. Its member companies provide 95% of all new homes in Scotland. The largest user of the planning system in Scotland, the industry is also the largest source of private investment in the Scottish economy contributing around £5 billion and employing more than 110,000 people.