



HOMES FOR SCOTLAND
AWARDS 2016

Private Development of the Year – large (100+units)

Sponsored by NHBC

Winner:



Dundas Estates & Development for Calderwood Village, Coatbridge.

This development was applauded by the judges for the way in which it has transformed from a brownfield site requiring significant infrastructure investment to a bespoke range of new homes embracing the Designing Streets philosophy.

The additional support provided by the developer in the form of a community hub and Facebook page, both of which are well used, were deemed useful extras for the residents of this thriving new community.

Private Development of the Year – medium (26-99 units)

Sponsored by Ground Developments

Winner:



Cruden Homes (East) for Woodcroft, Edinburgh.

Delivered through an innovative joint venture, the judges thought Woodcroft was an exemplary project.

From the overall design to internal layouts and customer care, a focus on attention to detail has resulted in a highly impressive development.

Woodcroft benefits from a well thought-out street design and a strong urban character. The retention of mature trees and existing walls creates a positive relationship with the surrounding context. A strong place-making and design ethos together with attractive and high quality materials and workmanship are evident throughout the site. This has resulted in strong sales and a commercially successful outcome which has continued through each phase of site development.

Special commendation:

A & J Stephen (Builders) / ZeroC (part of the Places for People Group) for Chapelton, Aberdeenshire.



An impressive collaboration between the landowner and the developers currently building his vision has resulted in a cohesive townscape building on traditional Scottish design influences.

Walkable neighbourhoods with mixed uses have been created and greenspace connections and pathways are well integrated in the masterplan. Innovative house types, customer focus and a clear commitment to building a community mean that two of the developers involved in the project, A & J Stephen and ZeroC, were both deemed highly commendable by the judges.

Private Development of the Year – small (up to 25 units)

Sponsored by Savills

Winner:



Springfield Properties for Middleton of Canmore, Braemar.

The judges were unanimous in their decision to grant the award to this development of 25 homes nestled in Braemar which adopts and adapts to its local surroundings.

The panel particularly noted the focus on “delivering the house that the customer wants” and were impressed by the displays of customer empowerment, workplace safety, staff training and concern for the environment (both ecological and social) which figure largely in the company ethos.

Affordable Housing Development of the Year

Sponsored by Forster Roofing

Winner:



GHA (part of the Wheatley Group) / CCG Scotland for Sighthill, Glasgow.

The judging panel was hugely impressed with the scale of regeneration which this development has achieved, delivering striking new homes for affordable rent and revitalising the area with a fresh identity - with strong evidence that the high quality environment has given residents a new lease of life and improved health outcomes.

A highly participative approach to the redevelopment of the site has seen residents involved in selecting materials and influencing the overall design.

Special commendation:



Places for People for Fortune Place, Edinburgh.

The judges felt this development was worthy of a special commendation due to the remarkable way in which it redefines expectations about what housing for the older generation should look like in the 21st century.

Located in an existing residential area on the site of a former Council care home, the development is arranged around two shared residents' courtyards. Each property has an attractive open-plan layout with carefully considered specifications and features, and a discreetly integrated dementia-friendly design.

Home of the year – First Time Buyers

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Winner:



Cruden Homes West for the Berberis.

Demonstrating a clear understanding of the lifestyle needs and demands of a variety of target buyers, the judges applauded this submission for its demonstrations of building and marketing affordable housing for sale within mixed tenure developments.

The contemporary design of the Berberis 2 bedroom apartment was seen as a real draw to those First Time Buyers looking for an affordable option to get onto the property ladder.

Supporting Organisation of the Year

Sponsored by Anderson Strathern

Winner:



Hillcrest Housing Association for its exemplar approach to service, customer care and partnership working.

The judges were impressed by the way in which the organisation bases its values around people and communities.

Strong partnership working with the private sector to build sustainable communities has resulted in high levels of customer satisfaction.

Homes for Scotland Home Builder of the Year 2016

Winner:



A diverse and forward-thinking organisation, the judges were unanimous in their decision to award **Cruden Homes** this top accolade based on its innovative approach to partnership working and deal-making.

It was clear to the panel that the customer is key to the company's overall approach to home building, with this permeating through every aspect of the business.

As demonstrated by the granting of awards for Private Development of the Year – medium and Home of the Year, a focus on delivering bespoke designs across a variety of different sites made Cruden stand out from the crowd.