
ROCHFORD DESIGN & CONSERVATION AWARDS 2000/2001

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks a decision on awards for the entries to the Rochford Design & Conservation Awards.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Design & Conservation Award Scheme is divided into several categories. Appendix 1 provides details of the scheme and the various categories. The merits of each nomination are discussed below.

3 NOMINATIONS

3.1 **Category 2 - Non residential schemes**
Sports Centre - Greensward College

The Sports Centre at the College provides an extremely valuable community facility. However, the design of the building is somewhat utilitarian and, as such, it is considered that an award is not justified.

3.2 **Category 3 - Development within a Conservation Area**
W.I.Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh

A sensitive replacement of the former building, using materials that fit well into the Conservation Area.

Whilst the disabled entrance to the building is slightly disappointing overall, it is considered that the development enhances the area and merits a Highly Commended Certificate.

3.3 **Category 5 - Landscaping Schemes**

Development of a public rest area at Corner of Church Road & Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon.

A sensitive scheme that enhances the area. It is considered that a Commended Certificate is justified.

3.4 **Category 6 - Environmental Improvement Scheme**

a. Sutton & Shopland Village Sign

A sign designed by the Friends of Sutton, supported by the local community to commemorate the new Millennium.

This is an attractive example of a community sign and, as such, merits a Commended Certificate.

b. Rejuvenation of small Copse - St. Theresa's School, Rochford

The key aim of the project was to enhance the School grounds for the benefit of the pupils. The scheme involved ground clearance to open up the woodland area, provision of seats and paths for safe access. The finished scheme can be used for educational purposes as well as providing an attractive and safe place for children to visit during break times. The scheme is part of a much wider initiative called "Project Playtime".

The project has involved parents, pupils and teachers and is considered to have a broad community benefit. Therefore, it is proposed that the overall Design & Conservation Award in this round be given to this scheme.

3.5 In Summary:

Commended:

- Sutton and Shopland Village Sign
- Public rest area at Corner of Church Road & Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon

Highly Commended:

- W.I.Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh

Rochford Design and Conservation Award:

- Rejuvenation of small Copse - St. Theresa's School, Rochford

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That, subject to Members views, the Rochford Design and Conservation Awards for 2000/2001 be made as indicated in the report. (HPS)

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