

PROJECTS RECEIVING AN AWARD IN 2011

Down Ampney Village Shop – Cotswold District



Down Ampney's village hall had to be rebuilt after a fire. The village community shop was a second hand portacabin. The shop now has a permanent home in a purpose built annex to the hall, housing the shop, post office and a café area. The combined building incorporates air source heating, rain water harvesting and solar voltaic panels.

Citation: For the imagination and persistence of the local community which has created a central focus for the village and its activities with its rebuilt Village Hall, Shop, Post Office and cafe; and for the way the work has been undertaken with attention to sustainability

Greystones Farm Nature Reserve – Cotswold District



Greystones Farm is a working farm but managed to maintain and enhance the wildlife interest of an SSSI, to restore the biodiversity of adjacent agriculturally improved fields, to conserve an ancient monument, and to provide educational opportunities. It is a model of how farming, conservation and education can run hand in hand.

Citation: For recognising that farming and conservation can go hand in hand, for demonstrating how this can be achieved in practice; and to encourage the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to develop the full potential of this outstanding area

Horsley 3 in 1 Project – Stroud District



A Victorian listed church interior has been sensitively adapted to create a light, airy, welcoming space for three different sets of users – church, school and community. Work has enhanced the space making it attractive for a wide range of different activities. The project re-used materials, and improved heating has made a building which was rather cheerless into one which is welcomingly warm.

Citation: For promoting and achieving a most successful building recreation making full use of existing qualities and creating new ones to secure a multi-use future for it

Longborough Village Shop – Cotswold District



Longborough Village Shop was completely refurbished in 2009 as a community-run enterprise. The work has been done to a very high standard and the shop, with associated postal facilities and a small café area, is now a centrepiece of the village: it is a model of what can be achieved in a small community.

Citation: For the refurbishment of the village shop and its reopening as a community owned shop, and for creating welcoming, friendly and wide ranging services that are so important for the everyday needs of the village

Rendcomb Village Hall – Cotswold District



Rendcomb Village Hall opened in 1965, but by 2008 the very basic hall was fast deteriorating and was cold, damp and very unattractive to prospective users. The inside of the hall has now been transformed into a warm, welcoming and high quality facility for the community, centrally heated by a ground source heat pump.

Citation: For the inspiration and drive to design, fund and deliver a high quality community asset which provides the focus for Rendcomb and the surrounding villages

Stanway Watermill – Tewkesbury Borough



Stanway Watermill goes back to 1291. Originally a fulling mill, then a corn mill, it became the Stanway Estate saw mill, but by 1950s had fallen in disuse, the machinery was removed and the millpond filled in. Following a hugely ambitious restoration programme with great attention to detail, the mill is back in use producing stoneground wholemeal and sifted flour and is open to the public.

Citation: For inspiration and the meticulous comprehensive restoration of an historic watermill, millpond and associated structures, and its re-use as a fully functioning mill, together with explanatory literature for visitors

Winchcombe Flood Relief works – Tewkesbury Borough



Winchcombe suffered badly in the summer floods in 2007. This project is a flood prevention scheme for the River Isbourne, involving reconstructing a weir, re-aligning the watercourse and other works to ensure more rapid conveyance of flood waters. The project, adjacent to a road, has been designed with great sensitivity to reflect the character of the town.

Citation: For care in the design, selection of materials and execution of a flood management scheme on the River Isbourne which has delivered a very satisfactory solution which reflects the character of the area