



FABULOUS HOUSES

CCD Architects have been celebrating their 30th Anniversary over the last few months, and have marked the milestone in quite some style!



They commenced the celebrations towards the end of last year with a special exhibition of some of their domestic projects, modestly titled 'Fabulous Houses'. It was formally opened by the Bailiff, and drew hundreds of visitors to see what some of the Island's most spectacular houses look like, both outside and in. "The response was amazing", said Senior Director and Chartered Architect Andrew Dyke. "We were touched and delighted by the feedback we received both on the opening night, and written in the visitors' book over the following weeks. Many people were very complimentary about our contribution to the Island over the years." The exhibition raised funds for the recently completed Les Bourgs Hospice, which was also designed by CCD.

The practice followed up by being shortlisted for the Commerce and Employment Best Business Awards; and on the spectacularly glitzy Awards Evening walked away with the "Best Medium Business Award", and the hugely prestigious overall "Best Business of the Year Award". Stuart Pearce, Conservation Surveyor and Director at CCD comments "I don't think I shall ever forget the drama and excitement of that evening. The honour of receiving the overall Best Business Award is something which really confirms the talent, skill and loyalty of our team at CCD, and given the strength of the competition, we were over the moon!"

The latest excitement for the practice has been the Guernsey Design Awards. These highly respected local awards ran bi-annually for a number of years in the 90s and early 2000s, and CCD were fortunate to be overall winners on 4 separate occasions; however the awards had not been run for a period of 5 years, and there now seems to be even more competition and interest in design and architecture. CCD were delighted that out of 49 projects entered, 5 of theirs were shortlisted and at the Awards Evening one of their projects, Les Prevosts Farm, was chosen by the judges as joint overall winner of the Design Awards 2012.

So what makes a truly 'Fabulous House', that might even go on to win a Design Award? Andrew Dyke says "It goes without saying that it should be environmentally as friendly as possible, but we also strongly believe that it is not about whether the house is traditional or contemporary, large or small; it is about listening to your Clients very carefully and clearly understanding their aspirations and needs. Then it is about fitting those into a specific site, so that the building not only delights the owners, but can be appreciated and admired by everyone else who might happen to see it. We consider the landscaping of a site to be vitally important so that the setting is considered as much as the building itself. Finally, we also aim to include something in the building that the Clients love, but never would have thought of themselves!"