

Restoration of Botanic Cottage given commendation



The Botanic Cottage at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh was nominated for Best Georgian Garden/Landscape at The Georgian Society's prestigious annual Architectural Awards, before it has even opened its doors.

The Cottage, which was built exactly 250 years ago in 1765, once served as gateway to the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh's historic site on Leith Walk, was uprooted stone by stone in 2008, carefully numbered, transported and stored, and has now been reconstructed at the Botanic's Inverleith site.

Community Engagement Co-ordinator for the Botanic Cottage project, Sutherland Forsyth, said: "Irrespective of whether the Cottage wins, it is a marvellous testament to the unique nature of this project that we've been nominated for a UK-wide award as we put the finishing touches to the building. It's a great boost for the many craftsmen who have worked to bring the Cottage back to life."

The project was commended at the awards ceremony.

Delighted that [@BotanicCottage](#) was commended by [@GeorgianGroup](#) – well done to the winners <https://t.co/Abgq078eXLpic.twitter.com/dNy6eoEjIE>

– Botanic Cottage (@BotanicCottage) [December 17, 2015](#)

The Architectural Awards, now in their thirteenth year, were held at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. They recognise exemplary conservation and restoration projects in the United Kingdom, rewarding those who have shown the

vision and commitment to restore Georgian buildings and landscapes.

Previous winners include Kensington Palace, the Woburn Estate in Bedfordshire and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane in London.

A fine example of heritage regeneration, the rebuilt cottage will become a centre for community and education work in the Garden, hosting visits from a wide range of school and community groups.