

Two Edinburgh projects feature in RICS regional awards

Two of the three winners of the RICS Awards 2024 in Scotland are some of the most impressive recent building projects in Edinburgh.

The winning projects were announced at the regional ceremony at the Edinburgh Futures Institute, and were judged in five categories: Residential Development, Community Benefit, Heritage, Public Sector, Refurbishment-Revitalisation.

Rowanbank Gardens was revealed as the winner of the Residential Development category, Fairburn Tower won in the Heritage Project category and Scottish Galleries at the National came up top in the Refurbishment/Revitalisation Project category.



Rowanbank Gardens





Scottish Galleries at the National

The RICS Awards showcase the most inspirational initiatives and developments in land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. They recognise outstanding achievement, teamwork and companies.

The regional winners have now been shortlisted for the RICS Awards Grand Final, taking place in The Park Plaza Riverbank, London on Friday 4th October. Each project will compete at national level, with one of the national winning projects being awarded the ultimate accolade of Project of the Year.

Colin Smith, Chair of the Scotland RICS Awards judging panel, said: "These winning projects are a true testament to the hard work and dedication of industry professionals in Scotland. The talent and collaborative approaches undertaken by the teams behind these projects have resulted in exemplary and innovative schemes that really do represent the very best built projects across Scotland.

"RICS is delighted to recognise the hard work that went behind

ensuring these projects were delivered successfully and I wish the winning projects the best of luck in the grand final later this year.”

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Rowanbank Gardens (Residential Development)

Artisan Real Estate is one of the UK’s most progressive commercial and residential developers, specialising in flexible, mixed-use regeneration projects in sensitive city centre environments. Rowanbank Gardens in Corstorphine, Edinburgh is Artisan’s second major residential development in Scotland and is delivering 126 sustainable homes – including 25% affordable and a significant proportion of family housing. Hailed as a ‘spectacular blueprint for low carbon living’ the high-quality development is on track for completion in spring 2024, with 93 apartments for private sale set around a large shared courtyard and garden space filled with fruit trees and communal planting beds.

Fairburn Tower (Heritage Project)

Fairburn Tower is a rare example of a surviving tower house from the Scottish Renaissance situated to the north-west of Inverness. The tower sat as a ruin for over a hundred years and was on the Buildings at Risk register, until it was identified by the Landmark Trust as an opportunity to add to their portfolio of unique holiday homes around the United Kingdom. The project saw the Category A listed tower transformed from a roofless ruin into high quality holiday accommodation, using appropriate traditional materials and craftsmanship whilst carefully integrating necessary modern services.

Scottish Galleries at the National (Refurbishment/Revitalisation Project sponsored by HD Sharmans)

In 2014, Hoskins Architects won the competitive tender to redevelop the Scottish Collection Gallery on The Mound, Edinburgh. Extensively reworking an area of 1970s office accommodation and the adjacent, dated Scottish Collection gallery, as well as connecting to the 2004 Weston link, the team has doubled the available exhibition space and created new circulation routes to the Category A listed gallery above, whilst forming a new façade onto Princes Street Gardens, with extensive landscaping enhancing accessibility to the garden entrance. The project delivered a world-class gallery space to display the large collection of Scottish works in the Scottish National Collection.