

Background - The RIBA IW Branch

There are approximately 35 members of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) based on the Isle of Wight. We form the long-established RIBA Isle of Wight Branch, which meets for social events and for Continuing Professional Development training.

Background - The Isle of Wight Society

The IW Society is an amenity and conservation organisation, registered with the Charity Commission and affiliated to the national organisation Civic Voice. The Society was formed in 1969 by concerned residents in response to poor planning decisions, unsympathetic architectural design and mediocre construction of new developments. The objectives are: -

- ✓ To stimulate public interest in the Isle of Wight.
- ✓ To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Isle of Wight.
- ✓ To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the Isle of Wight.

The RIBA ^{IW} Architects Design Awards

For the past fourteen years, the Branch has run annual Awards that promote good building design on the Island. The Awards are presented in tandem with the Isle of Wight Society Conservation Awards. The quality of new build, alterations and extensions on the Island is going from strength to strength. The Branch is keen to focus public attention on what makes good, modern design and to showcase excellence in local architecture to the community.

The Isle of Wight Society Conservation Awards

Every year since 1972 the Isle of Wight Society has presented awards for the conservation and restoration of old buildings and for new buildings that have been built to sympathetically blend with their environment. Winners have included large projects; such as the conversion of Golden Hill Fort, Brading Roman Villa and smaller projects like the Bandstand Sandown, awards also include smaller projects.

The Presentation Event

It was decided to run the Awards Bi-annually after the 2018 event, to allow for more projects to be complicated in the timeframe between events.

In 2018, approximately 90 people attended the presentations by the Lord Lieutenant and the Isle of Wight High Sheriff.

This year the venue for presenting the RIBA ^{IW} & IWS Awards will again be the prestigious Royal Yacht Squadron. Expected to attend will be building professionals, conservation experts, clients, youngsters and their families. The mix will ensure a lively atmosphere and a focus on the present and future shape of the Island's built environment.

There will again receive full County Press Coverage.

Tickets will be on sale from March 2020. We look forward to seeing you there.