

A top design award has gone to Southwark's Jeremy Rye Studio for their redesign of a churchyard in London's Holborn.

The 2016 London Planning Award for Best New Public Space went to the major redesign of Holborn Circus and the adjacent St Andrew's Church Garden. Jeremy Rye Studio, in collaboration with Bere:Architects designed the new garden, which now offers Londoners a green and tranquil breathing space amid the hurly burly of the Metropolis.

St Andrew's is one of London's extraordinary heritage of churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late 17<sup>th</sup> Century, but its churchyard had seen better days. Jeremy Rye Studio redesigned the garden to make it better suited to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, connecting the two distinct parts into a unified whole design, providing disabled access and a year round planting design developed in conjunction with Bradley Viljoen of the City of London, Open Spaces Department.

Jeremy Rye said:

"Landscaping and garden design is a vital part of making a better urban quality of life for everyone, and it's great to get recognition for our role in this large urban design project."

The sponsors of the London Planning Awards include London First and the Royal Town Planning Institute. They were presented by Mayor Boris Johnston on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

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**LONDON PLANNING AWARDS 2016 PRESS RELEASE:  
Winners announced for the London Planning Awards 2016**

The winners of London's top planning awards were unveiled on Wednesday night.

Organised by London First, in conjunction with the Mayor of London, the Royal Town Planning Institute and London Councils, the London Planning Awards is the most prestigious event for the planning and development sector.

Contenders were nominated by the property sector with the final shortlist judged by a panel of experts from the Greater London Authority, London First, the Royal Town Planning Institute and London Councils. The awards were presented by the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, at a ceremony at City Hall attended by leading developers and prominent local government officials.

The winners are:

**Best New Place to Work, sponsored by The International Quarter, Stratford London**  
**Roundhouse Administration Building**  
Roundhouse Urban Space Management

**Best Heritage Led Project, sponsored by Historic England**  
**Seven Pancras Square**  
Studio Downie Architects LLP  
King's Cross Central Limited Partnership  
The Office Group

BAM Construction

**Best New Place to Live, sponsored by Ballymore Group  
Trafalgar Place, Elephant & Castle**

dRMM Architects  
Lendlease  
Robert Bird Group  
Wallace Whittle  
Sandy Brown Associates  
Randle Siddeley

**Best New Public Space, sponsored by Hogan Lovells  
Holborn Circus and St Andrew Holborn Church Garden enhancement scheme  
Holborn Circus:**

City of London  
Rupert Harris  
**St Andrew Garden:**  
City of London  
St Andrew Holborn Church  
Transport for London  
J B Riney  
Baily Garner  
Bere:Architects  
Fountaineers  
Ellis & Moore LLP  
Jeremy Rye Studio  
Compass Archaeology

**Best Town Centre Project, sponsored by Turley  
BL-NK Curtain Road  
London Borough of Hackney**

**Best Community Led Project, sponsored by Land Securities  
Stamford Hill Area Action Plan**  
Community Panel, Stamford Hill AAP  
Ivan Tennant, Plan Projects  
London Borough of Hackney

**Best Project Five Years On, sponsored by Delancey Real Estate Asset Management  
Hackney Marshes Centre**  
Stanton Williams Architects  
London Borough of Hackney  
John Sisk and Son

**Best conceptual project, sponsored by Berwin Leighton Paisner  
Bridging East London: Unlocking housing capacity with low-level river crossings**  
Farrells  
BuroHappold

**Best Planning Authority, sponsored by GL Hearn  
City of Westminster**

**Mayor's Award for Planning Excellence, sponsored by Mount Anvil  
Trafalgar Place, Elephant & Castle**

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson MP, said:

"Top quality, creative planning is absolutely crucial if London is to continue to be the best city in the world to live, work and visit. Congratulations to the winners who are leading the way in innovative design to

ensure we are creating the homes, offices, open spaces and cultural venues that are not only attractive to our communities, but will stand the test of time."

Baroness Jo Valentine, Chief Executive of London First, said:

"Our built environment is vital if London is to succeed in meeting the challenges ahead but as these winners show, the strength of this sector in our capital is more than capable of keeping London a world class city."

Cllr Claire Kober, London Councils' executive member for infrastructure and regeneration, said:

"The London Planning Awards show how much outstanding planning work is happening to make our great city and its neighbourhoods even greater in the future. Councils, working in partnership with developers, public bodies and others, are uniquely placed to ensure that through new schemes, the maximum economic, social and environment value is unlocked and the right balance between these is achieved."

Phil Williams, President of the Royal Town Planning Institute said:

"Once again the awards feature an excellent array of outstanding planning projects. They demonstrate how planners are helping to make London an even better place to live, work or visit."