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Celebrating Master Builders

The 2023 FMB Master Builder Awards are a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the high-quality work that has been happening all across the UK in our building industry. Our winners' projects are nothing less than beacons of excellence, demonstrating the wonderful and inspiring work that FMB Master Builder companies are carrying out every day to help improve the communities and places where we all live and work.

The recent years have certainly been very challenging with materials shortages, price inflation and labour shortages affecting productivity and delivery. So, it's great to have something to shout about because, despite all the challenges, FMB Master Builder companies have demonstrated what they do best - building, repairing, and maintaining our homes and places of work!



So, please join me in celebrating the outstanding work showcased in this brochure by the UK's best builders, and supporting the FMB Master Builder Awards. I would like to thank all of the nominees for taking the time to submit their entries, making the awards the exceptional event we've all come to know and love. The competition has once again been incredibly tough, and I don't envy our independent judging panel in making what must have been incredibly difficult decisions in selecting the winners. I'm very grateful to them also for the time spent examining the nominations from across the UK, and for the expert knowledge, insight and opinions employed in making their decisions.

I hope you've enjoyed this year's awards as much as I have, and I'm already looking forward to seeing the entries for the next FMB Master Builder Awards in 2025!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Berry'.

Brian Berry
FMB Chief Executive

Kitchen Project



IPSUM (UK) Ltd

IPSUM (UK) Ltd overcame technical challenges to breath fresh life into a 200 year-old toll booth in this winning project.

Despite the technical challenges associated with working on such an old building, IPSUM (UK) Ltd worked hard to realise their client's vision for a well-lit, open plan family kitchen which could also serve as a focal point for the home and a space for entertaining.

The new space features a large kitchen island, and a direct view of the beautiful rear garden and nearby woodland. Another key highlight is the former toll house wall, which has been carefully restored and now adds contrast and texture in this modern kitchen.

The team stated that it was a privilege to have worked on a property with such a rich local history. They are rightfully proud of the way they were able to bring together old and new in this special build, which boasts excellent energy efficiency. Bespoke units and exceptional attention to detail in the kitchen are the result of great communication and discussion with the client.

The owners said, "We would have no hesitation in recommending IPSUM to friends and family, which we have already done. Well done IPSUM and thank you for the quality of our new 'old' house."

The national judges were impressed with the way this builder overcame not just the technical challenges





associated with the build, but also the access issues presented by the site and the need to manage relationships with neighbours concerned about the noise during the project. They praised the ambition and the sustainability goals associated with the project, and described the end result as a “stunning, ‘wow’ kitchen.”

Finalists

Winner

IPSUM (UK) Ltd
Yorkshire & Trent

- ◆ **Bagshots Ltd** **Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Dale Chadwick Carpentry & Construction Ltd** **South West**
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd** **Cymru**
- ◆ **J C Building Services** **North West**
- ◆ **Hawksmoor Construction Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **Nickell & Richmond** **Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **R J Bacon Builders Ltd** **Central**
- ◆ **Sheraton Design & Build Ltd** **Northern Counties**
- ◆ **Thistle Trade Group Ltd** **Scotland**

Bathroom Project



Marlfield Joinery and Construction Ltd

This bathroom extension project made all the difference to Marlfield Joinery and Construction Ltd's clients after their living arrangements changed.

After their living needs changed suddenly, the owners of this traditional farmhouse asked Marlfield Joinery and Construction Ltd to help them design and build a small extension to enable them to make the best use of their space, and accommodate mobility aids and equipment. The result added a downstairs bedroom and ensuite bathroom, facilitating assisted living as well as an independent lifestyle.

A far cry from the clinical style associated with accessible bathrooms, the finished project is a bathroom that's worthy of any interior magazine. The shower area offers level access and is enclosed with a half-height wall that supports a shower seat and arm rests. The non-slip mosaic tiles in the shower were chosen to complement the encaustic-style flooring in the dry area of the room. Marlfield Joinery and Construction Ltd ensured that no detail was left out - sourcing an air body dryer to help the client have full independent use of the new facilities.



The result is a bathroom to be proud of, with the clients commending their work. "We would highly recommend anyone to use Marlfield Joinery and Construction Ltd for any of their building works but if you are looking for a dignified and discreet team striving for your needs, there is no other Master Builder that we could recommend apart from them."



The national judges agreed that this project 'raises the bar as far as accessible bathrooms are concerned'. They praised the builder's sensitive approach to the clients' needs and the way they included them at every stage in the decision-making process. They also appreciated the aesthetic appeal that was maintained in the project, describing the finished result as 'stunning'.

Finalists

Winner

**Marlfield Joinery and
Construction Ltd**
Northern Ireland

- ◆ **AB Conduit Building**
South West
- ◆ **Bespoke Living Construction Ltd**
Southern Counties
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd** **Cymru**
- ◆ **I J Curry & Son Ltd**
Northern Counties
- ◆ **Misura Ltd** **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Pencil and Brick Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **Thistle Trade Group Ltd**
Scotland
- ◆ **Vantage & Co Group Limited**
Central

Small Renovation Project



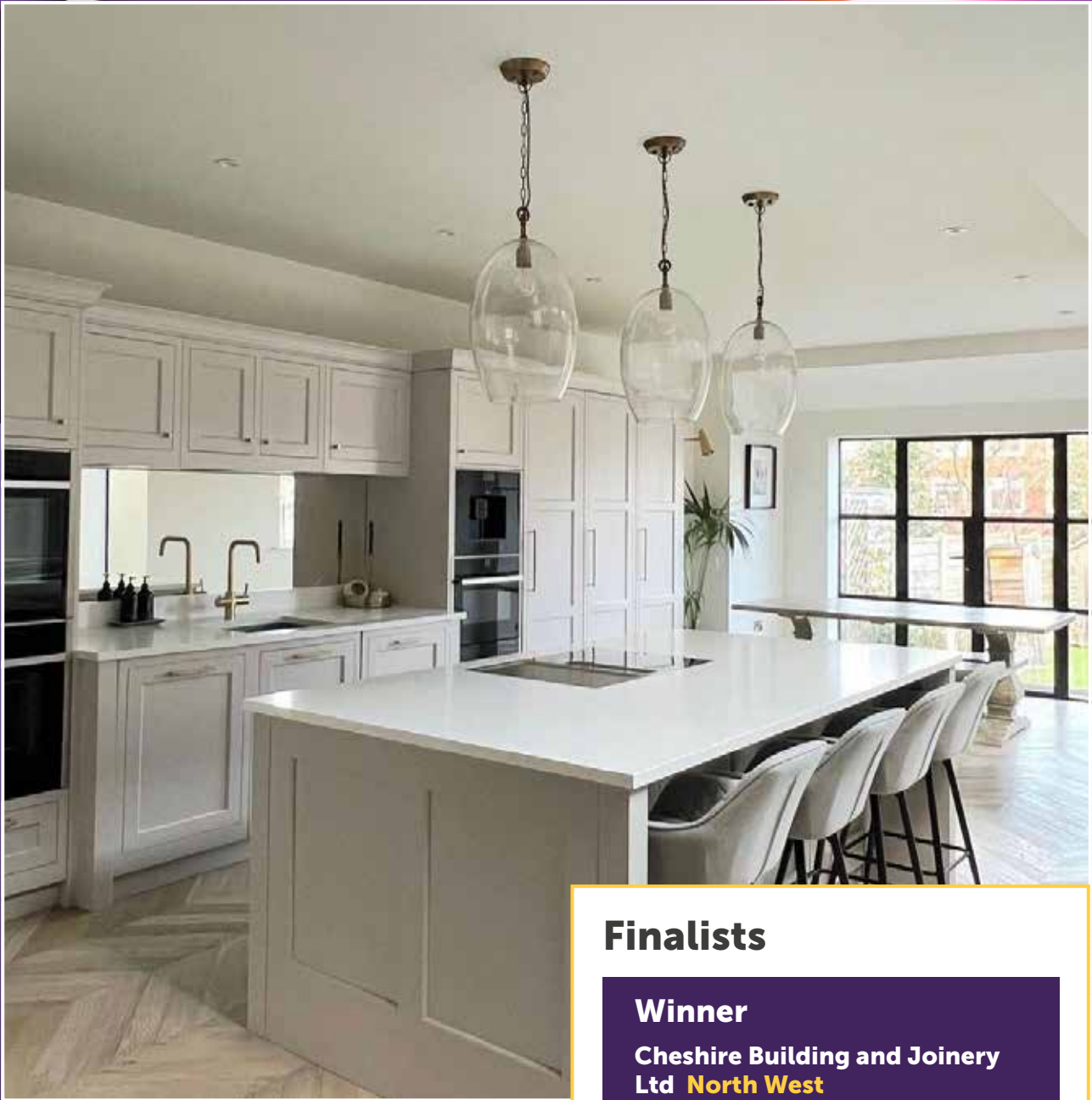
Cheshire Building and Joinery Ltd

Cheshire Building and Joinery Ltd clearly followed the recipe for success in this extension project, which enabled the client to run her cake making business from home.



The team at Cheshire Building and Joinery Ltd whipped up a delight for the homeowner of this project in Altrincham – a side and rear kitchen extension to help her run her cake making business from home, which also caters to the needs of a growing family.

The team offered a full design and build service, aided by inspiration from Pinterest boards provided by the owner. The results exceeded expectations, fitting the brief of a commercial kitchen on a family scale. Keeping to a limited budget, they delivered Crittall-style French doors, VELUX windows, a bespoke handmade kitchen fitted with commercial appliances (but without an industrial look), skirting boards templated to match the existing ones, and a wet underfloor heating system to keep family toes warm.



The team hit a few setbacks with planning in this historic market town, which led to them altering the design from a full wraparound extension to the current layout. However, they pride themselves on the relationships with their clients and communication was key in helping to manage expectations.

Their client commented that "Paul and his team have done a fantastic job and we cannot thank them enough. It was a pleasure having the team here. We'll definitely be using them again for any future work."

The national judges praised the builder for striking the perfect balance between creating a professional, commercial kitchen space which could also serve as a warm, family hub – all whilst staying within budget. They recognised the challenge of turning a Pinterest image and a dream into a reality, and the amazing work that made it possible.

Finalists

Winner

Cheshire Building and Joinery Ltd **North West**

Highly Commended

James Wylie Building & Joinery
Northern Ireland

- ◆ **Aspen Dv Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **CTJ Services Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd** **Cymru**
- ◆ **Oakston Solutions Limited**
Southern Counties
- ◆ **P C Builders Ltd** **South West**
- ◆ **Swiss Build Ltd** **Central**

Medium Renovation Project



Wyn Davies Building & Roofing Contractor

Wyn Davies Building & Roofing Contractor brought this historic music venue and dance hall back into tune with some seriously slick moves.

First developed by Lord Henry of Bath in the 1800s as a music venue and dance hall, this historic property in Carmarthen has had a raft of unique features lovingly restored to how they appeared in their heyday.

Upstairs, the original dance hall has been retained as an open plan living space, accessed by a bespoke

oak staircase. Stonework throughout the property has been restored and several new window openings respectfully formed, including a feature double-height screen entrance in solid oak. Original timber doors and windows have been reconstructed using energy-efficient timber joinery, complemented by a stylish oak herringbone floor.



The client stated "Wyn was personally invested in our project from the moment he first visited the site. Our brief was a challenging one, with limited budget, high expectation of quality finishes, passion to restore the original historic features, ethical considerations to minimise our carbon footprint and maximise local suppliers. We recognised the competing priorities, and felt it important to engage a Master Builder that we could put our entire trust in... Lord Henry of Bath would be proud of the completed build, and we believe we could have never achieved this without Wyn's approach, expertise and passion to deliver our dream home."



The national judges praised the builder's skill in coordinating a highly technical project and bringing an essentially derelict building back to life. They recognised the sheer volume of work completed to such a high standard and issued their congratulations on a job so very well done.

Finalists

Winner

Wyn Davies Building & Roofing Contractor **Cymru**

Highly Commended

NMC NI Contracts Ltd
Northern Ireland

- ◆ **Chalk Build Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **Cornerhouse Building Contractors Ltd** **Central**
- ◆ **H M Raitt & Sons Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Houghton Lewis Group Ltd** **Southern Counties**
- ◆ **J C Building Services** **North West**
- ◆ **M R P Construction** **South West**
- ◆ **Peter Armitage Ltd** **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Scott Bricklaying and Building Limited** **Northern Counties**

Large Renovation Project

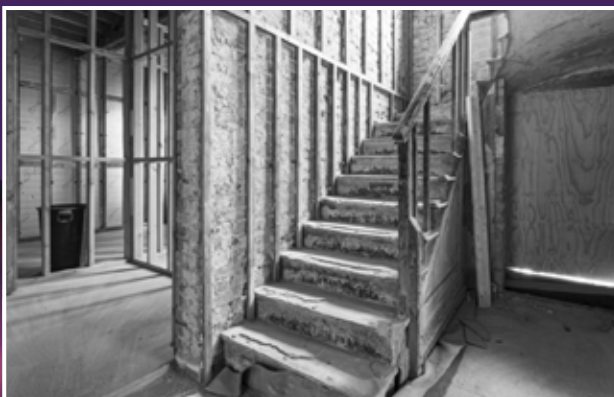


Vantage & Co Group Limited

Vantage & Co brought a Georgian gem out to shine in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter to win the Large Renovation Project category.

Buried in the industrial depths of Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter, a Georgian gem lay derelict and waiting to be unearthed. Vantage & Co was tasked with restoring it as a private residence, preserving the remaining period features and repurposing some of its materials in the design.

The showstopping feature of the project is the original Bath stone staircase, which has been fully restored



with hand-carved stonework by Vantage & Co's master craftspeople, who also applied their work to the exterior's stonework and render detailing, returning it to its former glory.

The developer, Steve Dodd of Elevate Property Group, commented: "We approached the team at Vantage and Co having seen the quality of their work and their attention to detail on previous projects. The refurbishment of such a key building to the history of Birmingham had to be carefully considered and we are delighted with how the project turned out. We genuinely feel that it has been restored to one of the finest homes in central Birmingham."

The national judges loved the care and sensitivity that went into the rejuvenation of such an historic building. They recognised the extraordinary transformation of a structure that had fallen into such a poor state, indicating it was a 'real testament to everyone involved in the project'. They commended the team for their commitment in carrying out such an authentic restoration, which introduced modern features to the property without disrupting its original character and feel.



'What really stood out for me with this particular project was the dedication to historical authenticity, the desire to accurately restore the building to its original 200 year-old splendour'

Andrew Lewer MP

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Well done to all this year's finalists and congratulations to the winner of the Large Renovation Project award.

Learn more about People's Partnership at peoplespartnership.co.uk

Finalists

Winner

Vantage & Co Group Limited
Central

- ◆ **A J Field Developments Ltd**
North West
- ◆ **Coldwells Build Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Gareth Roddy Building Ltd**
Northern Ireland
- ◆ **Just Lime Ltd** **Cymru**
- ◆ **J Staley (Stonework) Ltd**
Northern Counties
- ◆ **Mack Construction**
Yorkshire & Trent
- ◆ **Pencil and Brick Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **Phoenix Design and Construction**
(South East) Ltd **Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Stonewood Builders Ltd** **South West**

House Builder Award



Build My Home Ltd

Build My Home Ltd navigated tough planning restrictions to deliver a fantastic family home for their clients in Brighton.

Build My Home Ltd's project in Brighton was ambitious – demolishing eight garages on a tight urban plot and constructing a two-storey, three-bedroom home, all under restrictive planning regulations. The team had to work around a listed boundary wall and liaised with arborists to preserve two elm trees on the site. Neighbours were cautious about the scheme, but Build My Home Ltd made time for regular progress updates which helped to allay concerns and maintain relationships.

The lower storey sits beneath ground level and required extensive excavation work. The national judges appreciated the challenges that this added to an already complicated project, and praised the builder's approach to problem-solving without compromising on style

and functionality. They described the resulting home as a 'really interesting build that aesthetically just has a lot going for it' and highlighted the impressive space and light in the new home, despite half of it being underground. The creation of something so modern and visually pleasing under such challenging conditions convinced the judges to award this project with the win, despite facing stiff competition from a number of exceptional entries.

The owners of the new home commented "We were very impressed with the team and quality of workmanship from the very start to the final result. Excellent communication, great attention to detail, and they don't cut corners. A first-class quality house builder that you can trust!"



'I think this was a real winner for us because it was a tricky build, but it resulted in a very subtle, unobtrusive dwelling that was really, truly interesting, and something that really jumped out at me was that the client was effusive in their praise'

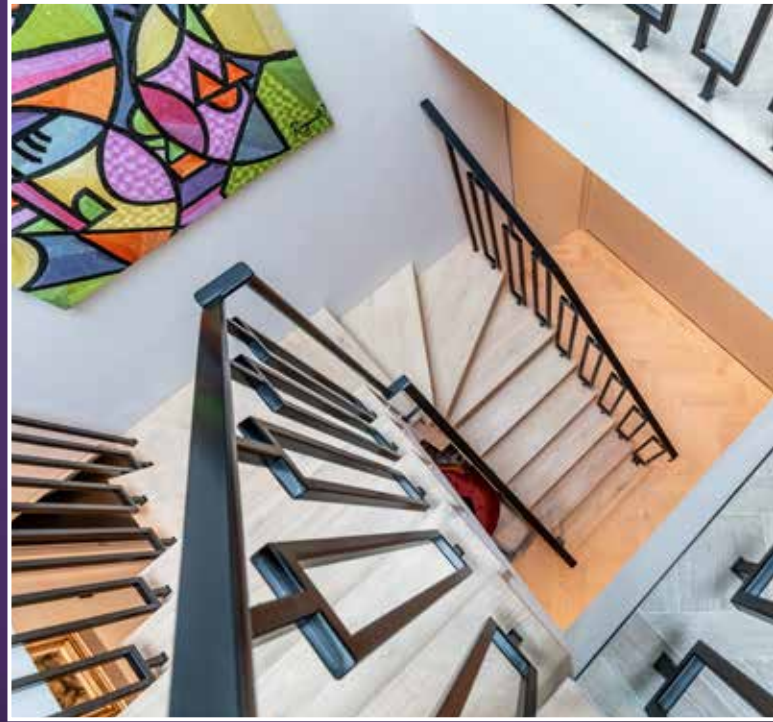
Melissa York, The Times and The Sunday Times

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Finalists

Winner

Build My Home Ltd
Southern Counties

Highly Commended

Home Republic Ltd,
London

- ◆ **C B Homes Ltd** **North West**
- ◆ **Coldwells Build Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Keigar Homes Ltd**
Yorkshire & Trent
- ◆ **McKnight & Son Builders**
Northern Counties
- ◆ **Modplan Building & Refurbishment Contractors Ltd**
Central
- ◆ **MRPX Construction Ltd**
Northern Ireland
- ◆ **Northcott Building Contractors Ltd** **South West**
- ◆ **Roberts Construction** **Wales**

Sustainability Award



DLE Construction Limited

DLE Construction Limited brought a raft of energy efficiency measures into this green dream home in Halifax to win this year's Sustainability Award.

DLE Construction Limited took on a challenging brief to build this sustainable family home, whilst ensuring minimal impact on the surrounding environment.

The team created a modern, fully open plan living area designed to capture natural light, utilising the south-facing aspect of the plot. They also incorporated the latest green technologies, including a ground-source heat pump, solar panels, a heat-recovery system, underfloor heating, a rainwater harvesting system, triple glazed Velfac windows and extensive insulation.

Their client was thrilled with their new home, stating 'We set out with a vision of a highly energy efficient home for our family in a green belt location. From the moment we received planning, DLE was involved and very helpful with getting the project started. The DLE team worked very well together and managed to foresee and accomplish things we worried would be impossible during the COVID lockdown. They created exactly what we wanted to a high standard and found creative solutions to what we wanted to achieve.'



The national judges praised this entry as "an outstanding example of how builders can meet a very high spec brief for high quality environmental standards under extremely difficult conditions, right in the middle of COVID." Describing the 'comprehensive eco story' that this project became, they praised the teamwork and focus employed to keep the build on-track, and recognised the high standards achieved in terms of energy efficiency and craftsmanship. Reflecting on the array of energy efficiency measures implemented throughout the property, they cited the finished result as a 'fine example for others to follow'.



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Finalists

Winner

DLE Construction Limited
Yorkshire & Trent

- ◆ **Bespoke Living Construction Ltd** **Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Earl and Calam Design and Build Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **E.O. Jones & Sons** **Central**
- ◆ **Moffitt & Robinson Construction Ltd** **Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **MJ Construction** **Cymru**
- ◆ **Thorn Homes Ltd** **South West**
- ◆ **True Build Trade Services Ltd** **Scotland**

Commercial or Public Sector Project



Stonewood Builders Ltd

Stonewood Builders Ltd won this award for the creation of an ambitious full-sized replica of a Hadspen Roman Villa.

With this outstanding project, Stonewood Builders Ltd delivered an ambitious full-sized replica of Hadspen Roman Villa, using ancient crafts, techniques and materials – the largest replica villa currently in the UK. They were also tasked with building a modern, minimalist museum building alongside the villa, to house the original archaeological and visitor displays.

This project was a real test of Stonewood's ability to harness traditional craftsmanship, whilst embracing the cutting edge of modern technology. The client commented: "In the museum building we wanted to create things that had never been done before, whereas the reimagined villa building required elements that hadn't been done in thousands of years. Stonewood was willing to research, learn, and explore as part of a team to achieve what we wanted."



Features of the villa include hand-painted ceilings that use authentic materials, thatched roofs, wattle and daub, rammed earth, and even a working hypocaust heating system and bathing pools; this meant specialists from nearly every trade were required to be engaged in team meetings.

The steel framed museum has been designed in a contemporary style. A fully glazed 48 metre façade offers unobstructed views of the Roman Villa, with the standout internal feature being a glass bridge and balustrade offering visitors the chance to walk over and view the original ruins.

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Abilo won the Construction Excellence People's Choice Award in June 2023 and has been shortlisted in August 2023 for the Technology Supplier of the Year category at the TechFest Awards 2023!



The national judges praised Stonewood's willingness to learn and master traditional skills and crafts to create such an authentic historical replica. They were impressed by the team's attention to detail in bringing together the traditional features and more modern requirements, as well as the management skills employed in nurturing and supporting the relationships that underpinned the project's delivery.



Finalists

Winner

Stonewood Builders Ltd
South West

- ◆ **All Build Construction Services**
Southern Counties
- ◆ **Home Republic Ltd** **London**
- ◆ **O'Mac Construction Limited**
Scotland
- ◆ **Radford Construction**
Services Ltd
Northern Counties
- ◆ **Rhodes Joinery & Building**
Services Ltd **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Setanta Construction Ltd**
Northern Ireland
- ◆ **Taylor Fit Out Ltd** **Central**

Heavenly Builder of the Year



Chris Shaw of T D G Contracts Ltd

Chris played a key role in a community effort to provide a little boy with special needs a safe space to play and comfortable living facilities.

Chris Shaw at T D G Contracts Ltd went above and beyond with helping one of his clients. They were in desperate need of extra space to help them look after their three-year-old nephew, who came into their care in very sad circumstances following the death of the client's sister in August 2021.

As a toddler with complex needs including autism, they wanted to give him his own bedroom with ensuite facilities, and to make the garden safe and secure for the youngster to play in. Despite their budget falling short, the team reached out to the local construction community via social media and received offers from tradespeople including bricklayers, roofers, joiners, electricians and plumbers, all willing to give their time and skills for free.

The clients commented that the trades working on site all spoke highly of Chris. "The way he encouraged and motivated others to give despite this being a time of great financial pressure on everyone was incredible to see. Our gratitude goes beyond words."

The national judges chose Chris as the winner for this award because of the integral role he played in turning a tragic story into a truly uplifting one, describing him as a credit to the industry'. They were moved by his willingness to carry out work and go beyond the brief for free, setting aside financial gain to make a real difference to a family in need and mobilising his peers to do the same. They loved the compassion he showed and the leadership skills he demonstrated on site.





'I just think it's one of those stories that brings a tear to my eye, but reinforces my belief in human nature as being a good thing... I think Chris should be most proud of the fact that he's just a good bloke'

Mark Garnier MP

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Finalists

Winner

**Chris Shaw of T D G Contracts Ltd
North West**

- ◆ **Andrew Radford of Radford Construction Services Ltd
Northern Counties**
- ◆ **C Williams & Sons Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd Cymru**
- ◆ **James Wylie of James Wylie Building & Joinery Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Keestone Ltd Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Ken Willsher of Dale Chadwick Carpentry & Construction Ltd
South West**
- ◆ **Luke Tossoun of Hawksmoor Construction Ltd London**
- ◆ **Nigel Young of A Youngs Extension & Construction Services Ltd Central**
- ◆ **Pamela and Kevin Wilson of Kevin Wilson Joiners and Building Contractors Scotland**

Apprentice of the Year



Seth Barton of Neways Group Ltd

Demonstrating exceptional drive and overcoming significant obstacles to become a successful apprentice in every respect, Seth Barton is a worthy winner of this year's award.

Since joining Neways Group Ltd as a labourer and assistant at the age of 16, Seth Barton has shown incredible resilience to overcome significant obstacles in undertaking his carpentry apprenticeship training with City College Norwich. His immigration status initially proved a barrier to entry into the industry, with many prospective employers dismissing him outright.

Finally given a chance by this Master Builder company, Seth has maintained a 100% attendance rate in his classes despite travelling significantly further than his peers and has shown great enthusiasm in deploying the skills he has learned whilst on-site. He has already won his employer more work by suggesting to a client that leftover materials from a renovation project could be fashioned into bespoke furniture and demonstrated real ambition; aspiring to become a company director within five years.



The national judges were impressed not just by what Seth has achieved in his work as an apprentice, but also by his eagerness to develop his skillset and complete his psychology diploma. They noted the resilience he showed in not allowing his immigration status challenges hold him back from his ambitions, and his exceptional drive to learn new trades that didn't necessarily sit within his current curriculum. In a highly competitive field of talented apprentices, the judges thought Seth stood out in the way he could always be depended on to go the extra mile, and for his ambition to become a company director himself within five years.



'Seth has shown real dedication to this apprenticeship and has overcome many hurdles to do so. He demonstrates resourcefulness and a real eagerness to improve himself against odds. He is a resilient, determined and passionate apprentice, whose aim to be Director of the company within 5 years can only be admired'

Bill Esterson MP



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Finalists

Winner

Seth Barton of Neways Group Ltd
Central

- ◆ **Jordan Gay of Bluestone Builders Ltd**
Cymru
- ◆ **Jordan Hopkinson of James P Spencer Ltd** **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Joseph Harris of Alford Construction and Joinery** **South West**
- ◆ **Joseph Powell of McLoughlin Decorating Limited** **London**
- ◆ **Kaidan Bradley Radford of Radford Construction Services Ltd**
Northern Counties
- ◆ **Kenny Thompson of Biocraft Ltd**
Southern Counties
- ◆ **Matthew Graham of Rahoran Ltd**
Northern Ireland
- ◆ **Noah Archibald of Haldane Construction Services Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Rhys Barber of Cheshire Building and Joinery Ltd** **North West**

Building Company of the Year



Home Republic Ltd

Home Republic Ltd demonstrated exceptional communication with clients and communities, as well as a clear commitment to their staff to secure their place as winners of the 2023 Building Company of the Year award.

Home Republic Ltd has achieved a great deal in the last two years, delivering more than 40 projects across London with a 100% success rate and perfect review scores. They've expanded their turnover three times in this period alone and done so despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and material shortages.

They've also maintained a strong commitment to their staff, ensuring that all of them remained gainfully employed throughout the lockdown periods, conducting regular onsite health checks and instilling a strong sense of company values and best practice through their own Code of Conduct.

Home Republic offers a free professional photography service to all clients with completed projects, as well as dedicated post-production aftercare, helping to cement their reputation as a true Master Builder taking pride in delivering quality work on every job.



The national judges were impressed by Home Republic Ltd's commitment to mental health wellbeing amongst staff and subcontractors, as well as their health and safety protection measures on site. They also appreciated the clear communication strategies set out by the company in dealing not just with clients, but with their neighbours as well, to ensure all parties were on board as works progressed. They hailed the company's 'thorough, professional approach' and the steps they took to give back to the communities they worked within, including charitable donations and tree planting.

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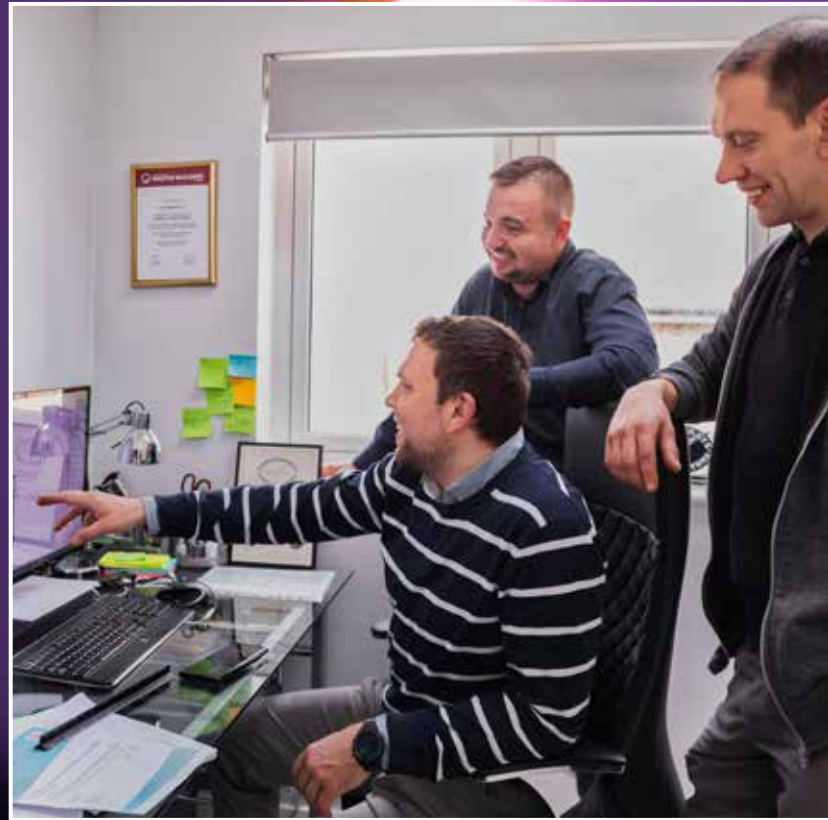


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'They're incredibly innovative, they work very hard with their builders, with their team, they make sure their team are well trained, they think carefully through the projects. It's a very, very good company, it's exactly the kind of company that I would want to come along and do my next building job'

National judges

Finalists

Winner

Home Republic Ltd
London

Highly Commended

Lofthouse Residences Ltd
Southern Counties

- ◆ **AB Conduit Building** **South West**
- ◆ **ASD Build Ltd** **Cymru**
- ◆ **C Wood & Son (Luton) Ltd** **Central**
- ◆ **E P Muldoon Building Contractors Ltd** **North West**
- ◆ **Haldane Construction Services Ltd** **Scotland**
- ◆ **Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd** **Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Paul Richardson Plastering & Building Contractor** **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **R & B H Alderson Ltd** **Northern Counties**

Overall Master Builder of the Year



Vantage & Co Group Limited

Congratulations to Vantage & Co Group Limited on being crowned the overall winner of the 2023 Master Builder of the Year Award

One of only two remaining original Georgian villas remaining in Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter, this project saw Vantage & Co Group Limited resurrect a structure that had fallen into total ruin, restoring it back to its former glory in magnificent style.

Many of the original features have been retained and repurposed in what has once again become a functional and yet luxurious living space. The facade features stone and rendered details, including detailed corncicing at the eaves and moulded architraves to the windows. Internally, ornately decorated rooms coalesce around an outstanding stone staircase - hand carved from Bath stone by Vantage's own master craftspeople, making a stately impression in the entrance hall.

The team are proud to have followed in the footsteps of the skilled tradespeople who built this striking home some 200 years ago, and have contributed to its rich history by restoring it as the jewel in the crown of this historic part of the city. They state that "rather than abandoning something that was

broken, it was a delight to bring it back to life and we feel the end result is both impressive and exquisite."

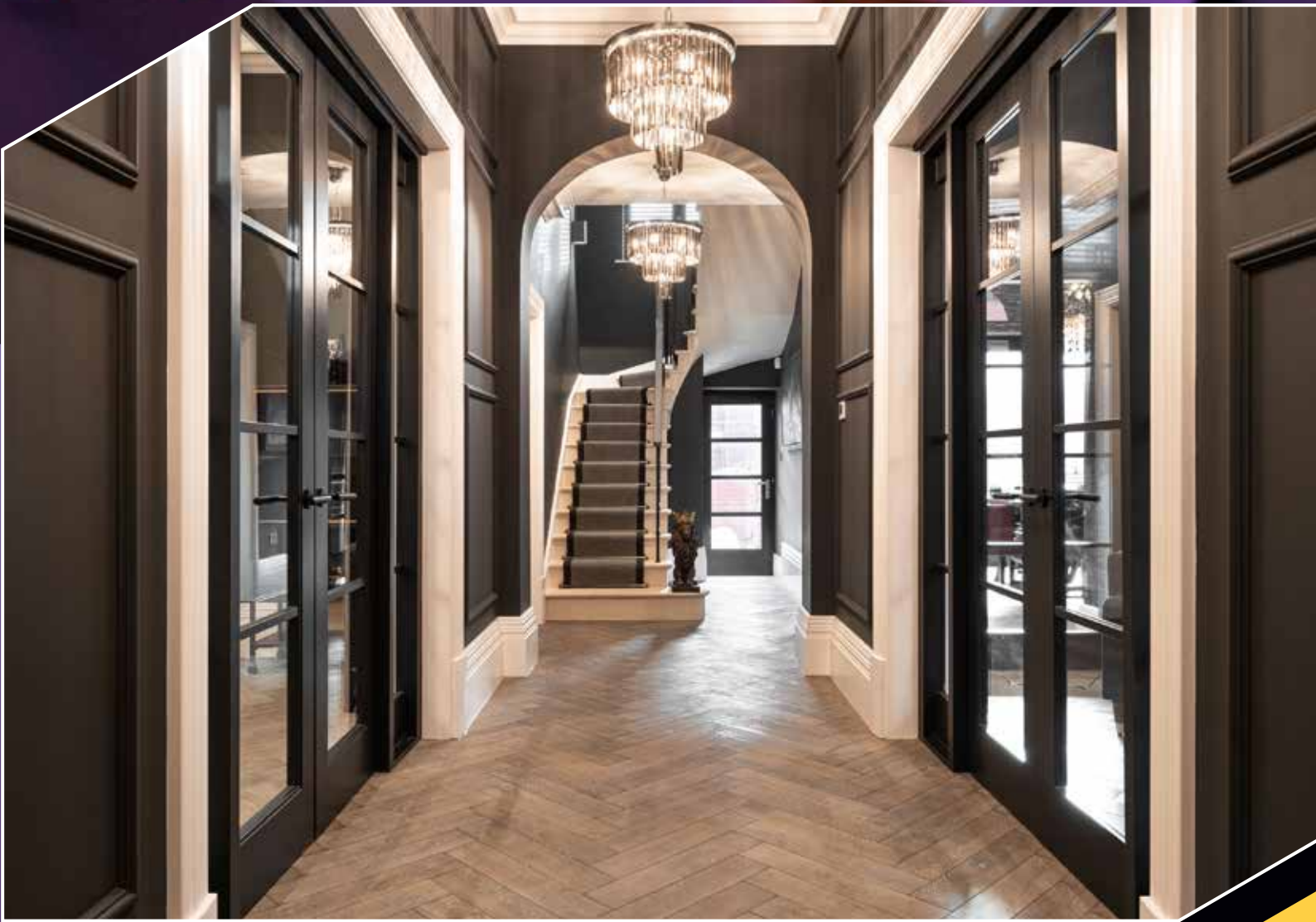
Their clients chose Vantage because of the quality of work and attention to detail shown in previous projects, and couldn't be more thrilled with the end result, stating: "We genuinely feel that it has been restored to one of the finest homes in central Birmingham."

The judges described the project as a "superb example of urban renaissance in practice" and a 'shining beacon of what can be done to the very highest level'. They praised the builder's skill in carrying out a sympathetic restoration with great care and effective coordination between an array of expert trades. Reflecting on the 'amazing' transformation of a building that had lain dormant for almost two decades, they agreed this was a job well done on all fronts and a standard to which all Master Builders could aspire to deliver in their work around the UK



'It's been a really difficult challenge this time choosing the overall Master Builder winner, there have been so many excellent categories to choose from. But this one really stood out in terms of quality, in terms of what it was serving, in terms of promoting a renaissance of our inner cities...'

Brian Berry, Federation of Master Builders



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We would also like to thank TV personality and presenter of BBC1's DIY SOS: The Big Build, Nick Knowles, for his continued contribution in hosting the awards ceremony.

A special thanks goes to all Master Builder companies who participated in the awards this year, submitting nominations and attending regional ceremonies to celebrate the successes



and achievements of Master Builders. We look forward to seeing your nominations for the next Master Builder Awards in 2025!

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