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Master Builder Awards

Congratulations to the **2019 Master Builder Award winners!**

Congratulations to the Master Builders across the UK who were recognised as worthy award winners at the regional and devolved nation ceremonies throughout the year, as well as those recognised on the national stage. We hope you take pride in your award wins.

The Master Builder Awards, which is now in its 14th year, celebrate the incredible achievements of Master Builders and showcase examples of high-quality craftsmanship, exceptional customer service and building excellence.

This year, we also made some important changes to expand the range of award categories in recognition of the broad scope of projects that our members deliver.

In addition to the small and large renovation categories, we added the medium renovation category for projects valued between £50,000 and £150,000, as well as a standalone bathroom category. We also introduced a public sector/

local authority award to recognise the work of members who deliver projects in this area, and finally, we created a low carbon category, in place of the energy efficiency award, to recognise projects that achieve a measurable reduction in carbon emissions and a low-carbon footprint.

With every iteration of the awards, the calibre of nominations and the range of projects put forward gets better and better. By providing a platform for members to share their projects and inspiring stories, the awards enable us to highlight the significant contribution that small and medium-sized (SME) builders make to the construction industry. More importantly, what shines through from the nominations and at the award ceremonies, is that our members are dedicated, resilient, professional and passionate about delivering quality building work; characteristics that are certainly worth celebrating.

The awards would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, our expert judging panels and Nick Knowles, our host for the 2019 national ceremony, and to them I say thank you. I would also like to extend my thanks to all those who continue to work with and support the FMB in recognising and championing the role of construction SMEs in the UK.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading about the extraordinary projects delivered by Master Builders that are detailed within as much as I did.



Brian Berry
FMB Chief Executive

Congratulations to our **Overall Winner**

MCK Construction

Once a focal point in the small Scottish fishing village of Usan, just south of Montrose, this 120 year-old coastguard tower and accompanying building had fallen into disrepair by the time it was purchased by a local fisherman hoping to rescue the relic and integrate it into his family home.

Built on the exposed North Sea coast, Usan Coastguard Tower was once a lookout post and housed the local rocket rescue equipment used to recover struggling mariners in adjacent waters. Some 60 years of neglect had taken their toll however, and much of the former lookout balcony had rotted away; making this a truly unique project requiring incredible skill, attention to detail and remarkable vision. Luckily, award-winning chartered architect and university lecturer Garry Adam was on-hand, and together with local Master Builder MCK Construction, they set about restoring this once proud landmark to its former glory.

Naturally, given the structure's heritage, MCK Construction had to consult regularly with the planning department throughout the project to ensure as much of its original character was preserved as possible. What's more, a lack of access roads meant the site was only accessible through an adjacent field, complicating an already challenging task that was overcome through the goodwill of the neighbouring farmer.

Aiming to exceed the already stringent Scottish building standards concerning U-values and energy performance, MCK Construction used zinc cladding on the first-floor bedroom's bay window to preserve the stunning panoramic views of the Scottish coastline and the North Sea. The kitchen's dark grey zinc bay window offers a similar spectacle, with double glazing used throughout to ensure maximum solar gain for the project.

With seafront wear and tear having a pronounced effect on the original Welsh slated roof and lead finial, MCK Construction endeavoured to repoint the stonework and give the area a complete makeover. At the rear of the property a set of grand stone steps – once the entrance to the original lookout post – now leads directly to the master bedroom; adding a novel touch to this exquisite build. The garden also features a traditional drystone dyke topped with capping stones, offering an excellent opportunity for outdoor entertaining during those balmy sunny days of summer.

The extension features a timber frame structure with large gable glazing, maintenance-free cement cladding, a zinc standing-seam roof covering and rainwater goods, with a distinct joint between the new roof covering and the old stonework beneath clearly marking where new joins old in this perfect combination of traditional and modern.

The property is a truly spectacular build that demonstrates the tremendous skill and efficiency exercised by this builder. Contending with a highly unorthodox build in a challenging environment, MCK Construction has delivered a one-of-a-kind build to an exceptional standard; befitting the Master Builder badge of quality.



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New Home Spey Building & Joinery Ltd

The location of this off-the-grid building site is to remain one of Spey Building & Joinery Ltd's best-kept secrets in accordance with their client's wishes, and because there are few spots of natural beauty like this left to enjoy.

Naturally then, the new home project delivered by Spey Building & Joinery Ltd had to be equally as beautiful. The principle objective for this new home was to create accommodation and a separate workspace that blended with, and complemented, the stunning countryside surroundings. By using sustainable and locally sourced materials coupled with low-impact construction techniques, the integrity of the site was protected with minimum disturbance to the nearby peaty landscape.

The workforce lived locally throughout to cut down on transport costs to site and overcame unpredictable weather conditions as well as significant access restrictions along a steep, rough-access track to get the materials to site.

Spey Building & Joinery Ltd implemented several special features to give this home its own distinct identity, including Scottish larch cladding, which was charred in order to change the molecular structure of the timber and enhance its weather resistance – a much needed attribute in this remote corner of the world. In addition, the team also installed solar thermal and PV panels as well as inverters, batteries, and wood stoves with thermal stores to

ensure the remote property would be self-sufficient.

The sheer volume of cladding produced for the exterior walls and all the various roof angles was a truly impressive feat, amounting to 10 kilometres of 70mm-diameter boarding. This tremendous undertaking led Spey Building & Joinery Ltd to build their own 2.5m kiln on-site - complete with gas torches - to produce the cladding; demonstrating incredible ingenuity and capability on their part.

Spey Building & Joinery Ltd delivered this technically and logistically challenging build in a way few others ever could; demonstrating the concept of building better in majestic fashion.



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WINNER

Spey Building & Joinery Ltd, Scotland

- ◆ **Cannons Building Contractors Ltd, North West**
- ◆ **Carrock Design Build Ltd, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **IPSUM UK Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **John Dynes & Son Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Kisiel Group Ltd, London**
- ◆ **Chewton Bespoke Homes Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Harriet Lee Building & Renovation Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **Woodstone Homes Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Three Pines Building Co Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **Pride & Joy Construction, South West**



Small Renovation Project Orchestra Design and Build Ltd

Wandsworth-based Orchestra Design and Build Ltd took the best Small Renovation Project title for its work on an apartment in a listed mansion block opposite the Natural History Museum.



The only access to the site was through a main entrance accessed by all of the building's residents, which meant Orchestra Design and Build Ltd had to contend with limited access and shorter working hours to complete the renovation. In addition, the team had to protect, clean and maintain the communal areas daily. To avoid costly parking expenses, the team also travelled entirely by public transport and bicycles for the duration of the project, and minimised deliveries to avoid disruption to residents and the public.

Our judges commented that the renovation work demonstrated how Master Builders can deliver beautiful, bespoke, innovative work

with exceptional craftsmanship: "Here is a home transformed, where the word 'quality' needs a capital Q. The renovation boasts stunning joinery in the living room and a cleverly designed wardrobe in the master bedroom that hides the door into the ensuite bathroom."

The project also featured a hand-finished kitchen and a beautiful family bathroom complete with a freestanding bath and an exquisite herringbone-tiled rear wall. The result is a beautiful property situated in the heart of one of the most desirable parts of London, and thanks to the efforts of Orchestra Design and Build Ltd; now boasting one of the most desirable interiors one could ever wish for in a stylish flat.



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Finalists:

WINNER

**Orchestrate Design and Build Ltd,
London**

- ◆ **Moon Developments Limited, South West**
- ◆ **Bridgehurst Builders, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Newleaf Property Development & Maintenance Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **Swiss Build Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Project One Installations, Cymru**
- ◆ **Thistle Trade Group Ltd, Scotland**
- ◆ **AMD Homes Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Wizard Builders Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Brenoyle Construction, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **ABS Construction Services Ltd, North West**



Heritage Project Mister & Missus Ltd

Mister & Missus Ltd undertook this comprehensive restoration and extension of a three-storey townhouse originally built in 1846 and owned by the same family for more than 60 years.

The property was beginning to show its age and was more or less derelict by the time work began. While the structure itself was beautifully proportioned, it had undergone a great deal of superficial work and an extension carried out during the 1960s had removed some of the original features, with the owners also adding a staircase and a bedsit in the basement.

The client wanted to restore the property's 19th century charm and create a sociable space with modern amenities; Mister & Missus Ltd didn't disappoint.

The original brief called for the demolition and rebuilding of a wing of the house, but thanks to the team's clever thinking and an inventive idea to support the concrete pad with thin strips of carbon fibre, resin-bonded to the concrete, a costly and wasteful demolition was avoided.

The team began with a mansard roof extension and added to the existing ground floor extension. Then, following a stroke of genius

and some design changes, added a fourth floor to the closet wing extension; making it the first on the street to keep the wing subordinate but equal to the four floors of the main house. This added real value to a home with limited space where every square foot makes a difference.

Mister & Missus Ltd arranged regular site visits for their clients and maintained excellent communication throughout the project, with brief minutes and agreements also sent through email. They endeavoured to keep the budget tracked and updated fortnightly, helping to ensure peace of mind for a very happy client.



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WINNER

Mister & Missus Ltd, Midlands

- ◆ **A J Field Developments Ltd, North West**
- ◆ **Staley Stonework, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **Cragg Builders Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Marlfield Joinery & Construction Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Acorn Construction & Refurbishment Ltd, London**
- ◆ **Greendale Construction Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Haldane Construction Services Ltd, Scotland**
- ◆ **M J Parratt & Son Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Stonewood Builders Ltd, South West**



Medium Renovation Project

C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd

Leytonstone-based C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd brought modern and traditional together in their renovation of this Victorian build in Forest Gate, London to secure the national Medium Renovation Project Award.



C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd began by stepping inside the structure and visualising the ideal outcome, carefully considering the local streetscape and the surrounding buildings. The team took an array of pictures and explored several different concepts before settling on one that felt "honest and exciting".

The house was part of a probate sale and was empty for two years prior to work starting, meaning it was in a dilapidated state and required a complete renovation with a side and rear extension. C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd stripped the building down to the brickwork, then re-wired and re-plumbed the property before installing new thermal ash parquet flooring throughout.

The team proceeded to restore and re-cove the original fireplaces, install new box sash windows, re-work the façade and reconstruct the Victorian pathway before turning attention to the staircase and wall-panelling. Finally, a marble bathroom and a modern kitchen were added to complete a highly comprehensive build that reinvigorated the property.

C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd agreed a fixed price with their client prior to starting the project and scheduled regular on-site walkthroughs at the weekends to discuss progress. They delivered on-time and within budget, demonstrating the true commitment to the FMB's values of quality work and exceptional customer service.

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Finalists:

WINNER

C1 Construction & Development Services Ltd, London

- ◆ **Mitchells Construction & Development, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Martin & Son Builders, Scotland**
- ◆ **Atlantic Construction, Cymru**
- ◆ **R J Bacon Builders Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Steve Smith Construction Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **McMurray & Martin Ltd, South West**
- ◆ **Alskea Contracts Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **York Builder Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Carrock Design Build Ltd, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **J C Building Services, North West**



Low Carbon Project StuartBarr CDR Ltd

StuartBarr CDR Ltd's work on this pair of Dutch barn conversions in the fields outside the village of Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire saw them secure the best Low Carbon Project Award.

Aiming to create two separate but complementary family homes with their own special character and specifications, StuartBarr CDR Ltd worked closely with their highly environmentally conscious clients to put together an effective eco-build despite planning restrictions.

StuartBarr CDR Ltd endeavoured to maximise the recycling of reclaimed materials from the initial demolition and thereby minimise greenhouse gas emissions from new manufacturing and subsequent transportation. The team also worked to make the new build as airtight as possible and implemented the very best eco-technology heating solutions and waste disposal facilities. The team tackled the challenge posed by cold bridges in the concrete and steel frame of the building by adding an extra 50mm of insulation and a high-quality vapour control layer around the affected areas. The use of

2.5 kWp solar photovoltaic panels also stand to save the clients hundreds of pounds every year in energy bills.

This was a highly collaborative build between expert clients and a true Master Builder, where both parties shared a passion for sustainable construction. Despite challenges associated with the initial plan, a strong client-builder relationship meant that environmental considerations at Mayfield Barn remained paramount throughout the project, resulting in the creation of a truly sustainable family home for decades to come.



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Finalists:

WINNER

StuartBarr CDR Ltd, **Southern Counties**

◆ J D Joinery and Building Services Ltd, **Northern Counties**

◆ Moffitt and Robinson Construction Ltd, **Northern Ireland**

◆ MacGillivray Construction Ltd, **Scotland**



Commercial Project Meritcape Limited

Meritcape Limited took home the national Commercial Project Award for its work on the development of this 1920s-styled, six-storey office development in Islington, London.



Carefully crafted iridescent blue-glazed Faience tiles, frame steel Crittal Windows, shuttered concrete soffits, curtain wall glazing and clay-engineering bricks have been brought together by this Master Builder to create an incredible new landmark office built to stand the test of time.

The interior features bespoke handmade oak panelling and rough-shuttered, concrete-planked ceilings served by modern technologies to create a sustainably built and highly energy efficient commercial space. The build boasts a BREEAM Excellent rating (EPC Band A) and an A-grade commercial property rating, with the office spaces offering 81% floor plate efficiency; allowing prospective clients to

make the most of the quality space available.

From floor to ceiling the offices measure an impressive 2.8 metres, increasing to 3.65 metres on the ground floor and with 200 square metres of extensively planted biodiverse roofing to further enhance the building's sustainability factor.

Meritcape Limited are advocates of using natural materials, quality craftsmanship, attention to detail and hand-made construction methods aimed at producing longevity, resilience, durability and high-quality finishes. They have a history of building award-winning landmarks in London, and this entry is no exception to that fantastic legacy.



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Finalists:

WINNER

Meritcape Limited, London

- ◆ **Broadfield Construction, North West**
- ◆ **Radford Construction Services Ltd, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **Kuno Jackson Building Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **StuartBarr CDR Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Kevin Wilson Joiners and Building Contractors, Scotland**
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **Modplan Building & Refurbishment Contractors Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Rockingham Construction Limited, Midlands**
- ◆ **Thorn Homes Ltd, South West**



Kitchen Project RMR Homes Ltd

RMR Homes Ltd's busy professional clients needed more space and wanted a home that delivered connected, uncluttered living.

This Master Builder undertook an extension to enlarge this Chiswick home and fulfil these requirements with a new kitchen, a snug chillout zone and a stylish dining area suitable for hosting guests.

The bespoke kitchen was spray-painted Cornforth white woodgrain and contains an in-frame shaker island, a hidden appliance cupboard as well as a column-less pillar and skylight maximising light and space. Unity between

the zones is achieved with a dark chevron engineered wooden flooring running throughout.

The finished result is a connected living zone that delivers practical and stylish entertainment options, enlarging both the indoor and outdoor spaces simultaneously by connecting the garden with the living areas. RMR Homes Ltd also conformed entirely to the design brief; opening the house and providing the uncluttered living space the clients were seeking. RMR Homes Ltd maintained

an excellent client-builder relationship throughout the project and engaged effectively with the local housing association using a trusted party wall specialist to obtain party wall consent. They also dealt with particularly heavy materials such as the walk-on flat roof skylight in a safe and professional manner.

The judges were also impressed by the bespoke cabinetry, made by the builder, which added a nice personal touch to the building works.





Finalists:

WINNER

RMR Homes Ltd, Southern Counties

- ◆ **A J joinery & Building Ltd, North West**
- ◆ **G M & G Marley, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **W A Hare & Son Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **John Dynes & Son Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Convert-Construction Ltd, London**
- ◆ **Haldane Construction Services Ltd, Scotland**
- ◆ **Project One Installations, Cymru**
- ◆ **Brentwood Lofts Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Steve Smith Construction Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **Maximum Traders (Bristol) Ltd, South West**



Bathroom Project

Apli Construction Ltd

Apli Construction Ltd designed this bespoke bathroom to suit a modest budget for their client's ground floor flat in Oxford, producing a wonderful finish and completely changing the layout.



The brief was to include a shower and bath as well as an element of natural wood in the design. The wood was sourced via a local reclamation charity but integrating the natural wood in an aesthetically pleasing fashion proved difficult. Displaying exceptional carpentry skills, Apli Construction Ltd succeeded in creating the wooden wall panelling and transforming the reclaimed timber into a beautiful and unique countertop.

Apli Construction Ltd were also adept in making the most of the limited space, fitting the shower

and bath without issue and avoiding combining the two fixtures at the client's request. They also created additional storage space by incorporating the shelving within the tiled walls, ensuring optimal positioning which didn't infringe upon the use of any of the bathroom utilities.

All of this was delivered while the client lived at the property with Apli Construction Ltd keeping disruption and discomfort to a minimum by staying in frequent contact over WhatsApp to ensure a great client-builder relationship.

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Finalists:

WINNER

Apli Construction Ltd, Southern Counties

- ◆ **Carrock Design Build Ltd, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **York Builder Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Moffitt and Robinson Construction Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Orchestrate Design and Build Ltd, London**
- ◆ **MCK Construction, Scotland**
- ◆ **Excel Home Design Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **R Lange Construction Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Mister & Missus Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **CHI Homes Ltd, South West**



Large Renovation Project MCK Construction

MCK Construction restored the 120-year-old Usan Coastguard Tower in Scotland, resurrecting a local landmark abandoned some 60 years ago.



The company rose to the challenge of renovating the property as a modern home and worked closely with the planning department to ensure the refurbishment works retained as much of the building's original character as possible.

Situated on the North Sea coast, the tower sits in a remote location with no road serving the site, which meant all materials and access had to be delivered via temporary access through a neighbouring farmer's field. The existing tower still featured the original Welsh slated roof with a lead finial, the lookout balcony had largely rotted away and, being so close to the sea, the stonework had to be repointed and given a general makeover.

The new extension consists of a timber frame structure with large gable glazing, maintenance-free cement cladding and a zinc standing-seam roof covering. The joint between the new roof covering and the old stonework denotes where new joins old. A zinc-clad projecting bay window to the first floor bedroom, and a similar feature in the lounge, give residents a panoramic view over the rocky shoreline and the continually changing faces of the North Sea.

This is a spectacular build requiring great skills to transform the dilapidated property into a modern family home with stunning views of the coastline.



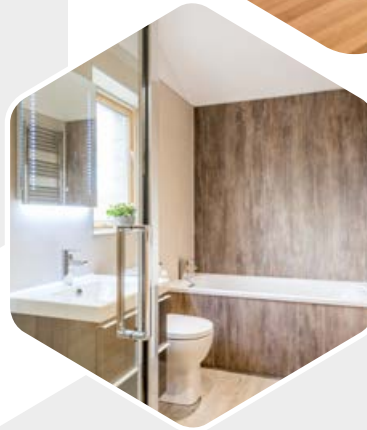
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Finalists:

WINNER

MCK Construction, Scotland

- ◆ **SR Design & Build Ltd, North West**
- ◆ **Staley Stonework, Northern Counties**
- ◆ **W A Richards, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Marlfield Joinery & Construction Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Kisiel Group Ltd, London**
- ◆ **Sporn Construction Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Carreg Construction Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **R J Bacon Builders Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Mister & Missus Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **KPK Builders Ltd, South West**



Local Authority / Public Sector Project Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd

Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd secured the national Local Authority / Public Sector award for building two state-of-the-art surgical theatres in an internal courtyard space within Altnagelvin Area Hospital in Northern Ireland.



The builder effectively managed the significant risks associated with carrying out construction in a live hospital environment with operational wards and busy clinics in close vicinity to the construction works. In addition, the team observed strict infection control procedures throughout the project and successfully negotiated the challenges posed by the hospital's sole access route on the main road.

Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd committed to delivering materials to the site via an overhead crane to avoid the risks associated with moving building materials through the hospital itself, and used out-of-hours scheduling to minimise disruption and prioritise the needs of staff and patients. An existing prefabricated unit

was also demolished and removed to make room for the new theatre's steel frame and a total renovation of the surrounding area of the hospital.

The team fully integrated themselves into the daily operation of the hospital to better understand and adapt building works to the daily activities on the ward. The client was informed through weekly meetings, which also ensured that upcoming construction and healthcare activities could be aligned and building works remained on track.

The two state-of-the-art surgical theatres built by Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd are the first of their kind at Altnagelvin Area Hospital.



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Finalists:

WINNER

**Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd,
Northern Ireland**

- ◆ **DITT Construction Ltd, Scotland**
- ◆ **Property Building Maintenance (Wales) Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **Modplan Building & Refurbishment Contractors Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Stonewood Builders Ltd, South West**



Heavenly Builder City Lofts London

City Lofts London came to the rescue of a client in distress; taking on a “house of horrors” that many builders would have walked away from and treating the client with outstanding care.

The client had been failed by solicitors, a surveyor and cowboy builders and in addition to the serious structural integrity issues, the property had an illegally built loft structure. The state of the property also meant the clients were in real danger; with no means of escape in the event of a fire, load-bearing plaster walls causing the first-floor ceiling joists to fracture and bow, structural cracks on several walls, and a collapsed dwarf wall under the property, the home was in danger of collapse.

City Lofts London performed structural reinforcement of the supporting walls and foundations, and built a completely new loft conversion, first-floor renovation and a raft of additional internal improvements to bring this 1950s suburban family home back from the brink.

After being systematically failed by the property market and then again by cowboy builders, the client was understandably reserved about finding a new, quality builder. Trust was established in stages, with City Lofts London conducting a rigorous site inspection and taking the time to explain all the issues before proceeding.

City Lofts London provided evidence-based solutions and involved their client in every stage of the project, providing references and facilitating site visits to previous jobs to reassure them that value was finally being delivered. Demonstrating their commitment to building better, City Lofts London also agreed to work in arrears throughout the project; asking for payment only when significant milestones were completed.

As a result of this Heavenly Builder, their client not only regained a safe and secure home, but also their faith in the industry as a whole – which is exactly what the Master Builder difference is all about.



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Finalists:

WINNER

City Lofts London, London

- ◆ P N Lewis & Partner Limited, **North West**
- ◆ Andrew Radford of Radford Construction Services Ltd, **Northern Counties**
- ◆ O'Keeffe Building Services Ltd, **Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ Energystore Ltd, **Northern Ireland**
- ◆ Build My Home Ltd, **Southern Counties**
- ◆ David MacGillivray of MacGillivray Construction Ltd, **Scotland**
- ◆ Mike Robson of Talbot Green Construction & Landscaping, **Cymru**
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Apprentice Lynsey Davies, Cyfle Building Skills Ltd

Lynsey Davies made a big decision to change her career at age 35 and undertook an apprenticeship programme to gain a Plastering NVQ Level 2 qualification with the Shard Apprenticeship Scheme (Cyfle Building Skills).



She has gone on to shine as an exemplary apprentice and received outstanding feedback from the companies she has worked for, even opting to take on a managerial role in an overseas project working on a maternity ward in Kachumbala, Uganda. Here she took the lead in an industry where women are almost never seen on construction sites and helped to dispel outdated gender stereotypes.

Lynsey has since gone on to apply for a Technical Shared Apprenticeship covering a range of industry fields such as design, quantity surveying,

architecture and engineering. Lynsey continues to impress on-site and has undertaken a range of supplementary courses including Manual Handling, Asbestos Awareness, Abrasive Wheels and Working at Heights. She has also completed a Construction Ambassador course, enabling her to promote the construction industry in schools and help to ensure a thriving construction workforce for generations to come.

She is a worthy winner of the 2019 Apprentice Award and a prime example of what can be achieved in this industry, regardless of age, with the right drive and passion.

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In the midst of an evolving workplace, with demographic shifts and rapid technological change the order of the day, skills development has never been higher on the agenda.

There has never been a better time for businesses to reap the rewards of apprenticeships. There are more ways to develop staff than ever before and learning has become a real melting pot of innovation.

Congratulations to the winner of the Apprentice Award, and to all of the apprentices who were shortlisted.

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Finalists:

WINNER

Lynsey Davies of Cyfle Building Skills Ltd, Cymru

- ◆ **Charlie Wheeler of Hende Building Services, North West**
- ◆ **Jack Edwards of Duffield Building Services Ltd, Yorkshire & Trent**
- ◆ **Matilda-May Beattie of Lowry Building & Civil Engineering Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Ross Handley of James Johnson & Co Ltd, London**
- ◆ **Kris Marriott of Biocraft Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Jemma Sykes of Barratt North Scotland, Scotland**
- ◆ **Christian Brewster of Wightman Build Ltd, Eastern Counties**
- ◆ **Samuel Wells of Three Pines Building Co Ltd, Midlands**
- ◆ **Charlie Smith of Stonewood Builders Ltd, South West**





Outstanding Contribution Award

Kevin McLoughlin and Allan Montague, K & M McLoughlin Decorating Ltd

Kevin McLoughlin and Allan Montague of K & M McLoughlin Decorating Ltd run a training facility at their business and have put more than 620 people through pre-employment training at their own expense.



Putting aside financial gain to help those who are often overlooked, Kevin and Allan have given hundreds of people new opportunities and have helped to train the next generation of skilled tradespeople to support the construction industry.

Many of Kevin and Allan's former trainees have gone on to start their own businesses and employ others, helping the industry to grow and thrive even when they are no longer directly involved. Their focus on recruiting trainees from under-represented backgrounds has helped change perceptions surrounding the construction industry and introduce people from all walks of

life to opportunities they might never have known about.

All of this is achieved without external funding, making their contribution to the construction industry truly outstanding.

Both Kevin and Allan are active members of the FMB who attend meetings at a local and national level to promote industry best practice and to address the growing skills crisis in the industry. Their commitment to their trade and to UK construction is nothing short of inspiring, and they are both wonderful examples of Master Builders giving something back to the industry and their communities.



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Construction often has challenges with complexities of build, profit margins and most importantly health and safety. This award recognises and celebrates the hard work, dedication, resilience, experience, positivity and passion shown by the recipients.

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Finalists:

WINNER

**Kevin McLoughlin and Allan Montague
of K & M McLoughlin Decorating Ltd,
London**

- ◆ **William Moffitt of Moffitt and Robinson Construction Ltd, Northern Ireland**
- ◆ **Phillip Hall of Hall Construction Ltd, Southern Counties**
- ◆ **Jim Gilmour of O D C Ltd, Scotland**
- ◆ **Ken Pearson of Bluestone Builders Ltd, Cymru**
- ◆ **Patrick McGeever of Cherrywood Developments Ltd, Midlands**

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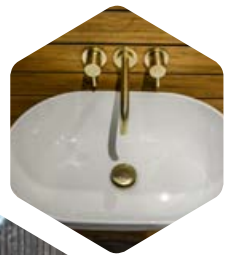


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A special thanks goes to all Master Builders who participated in the awards this year by submitting a nomination and attending an event to celebrate your success, or the successes of your fellow Master Builders. We hope to see your nominations for the next Master Builder Awards too!

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