



THE IHBC 10th ANNIVERSARY GUS ASTLEY STUDENT AWARD 2007 ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation is the professional body for historic environment conservation specialists across the United Kingdom (see www.ihbc.org.uk). In 2007 the IHBC established an Annual Student Award in memory of the Institute's former membership Secretary and long-time supporter, Gus Astley, funded through the IHBC and the Gus Astley Memorial Fund. The award is made for an 'outstanding' work in any aspect of conservation – from historical research to intervention strategies – submitted as part of an under-graduate or post-graduate taught course. The judges, Bob Kindred MBE of Ipswich Conservation and Design Service, Nathan Blanchard, of Heritage Initiatives, and the IHBC Director Dr Seán O'Reilly noted the high standard of the submissions.

The results for 2007 are:

IHBC 10th Anniversary Gus Astley Annual Student Award (£300): '*Barbican: MODern CONSerVation?*', David Hills, Building Conservation Course, Architectural Association.

Judges comments: An interesting and untypical subject with value for the future application of Heritage Management Agreements. It has a very thorough and good consideration of traditional conservation philosophy applied to a very difficult modern case. An excellent read and on balance it was the most accomplished on most levels.

Special Commendation (£100): '*St. David's Hall: A Conservation Plan.*' Aishwarya Tipnis MSc in European Urban Conservation, University of Dundee.

Judges Comments: Notable for the exceptional quality of presentation, which any consultant would be proud to replicate as the finished article, it didn't have a dissertation feel nor one of work undertaken by a student. This was no doubt down to the format of the task but its relevance stood out as a result of its difference from the other submissions. It possessed good content and adopted a traditional approach to a traditional subject.

Special Mention (£50): '*The Development of the Ecclesiastical Architecture of Sharpe, Paley and Austin.*' Mark D. Pearce Diploma in Conservation of Historic Buildings, Architectural Association.

Judges Comments: This is a very thorough and well-considered architectural biography of a regional, well-known but little understood practice. It would make a good resource for architectural historians.

Additional Notes:

- The Architectural Association is congratulated for the quality and thoroughness of the submissions from its students
- Winners will be invited to receive their awards at the IHBC's Annual School 2008, which will take place in Guildford on 26-9 June 2008. Along with entrants to the Student Award, they will be invited to present a summary of their work at the institute's 'Fringe School', on 26 June 2008, access to which is free, subject to booking. See www.ihbc.org.uk - The IHBC Gus Astley Annual Student Award is currently accepting submissions for the academic year 2007-8. The closing date for the award is December 2008, and awards will be presented at the IHBC's Annual School in Buxton in 2009. See www.ihbc.org.uk.

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