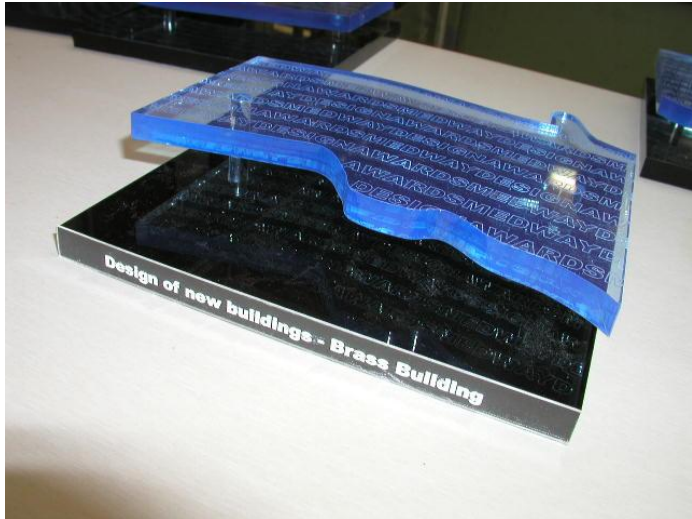


## medway design awards

building and landscape design awards

Medway Design Awards is an award scheme to celebrate the quality and diversity of design achievements in Medway for buildings and spaces. It was created by The Kent Architecture Centre on behalf of Medway Renaissance Partnership to inspire everyone involved in development to achieve exciting design of the highest standards.

Kent Architecture Centre's role was to develop, in partnership with Medway Renaissance Partnership and Medway Council, a mechanism to deliver a successful Awards scheme that engaged local people and professionals in the process. The Centre then managed and delivered the first Medway Design Awards scheme, programming events, sourcing schemes and assessment panel and award titles. The Centre worked with a local artist, Stephen Turner, to design the award trophy based upon the curving River Medway that defines the area and has played an integral part in shaping its story.



The design awards were launched at the Pentagon centre in January 2006 and this exhibition, coupled with leafleting at the three local train stations, resulted in the public submitting nearly 250 votes for their favourite scheme from the shortlist of 40.

As well as the overall public vote, there was also a judging panel who not only looked for buildings and spaces which look great but also asked questions such as:

How does it benefit the local community?

Is it welcoming, comfortable and convenient to use?

Is it well used and lively at different times of day?

Is it built to last and designed to minimise energy requirements and waste?

Is it easy to get to by foot, bike and public transport and to find the front door?



The Design Awards were given for the following categories:

- Design of new buildings
- Refurbishment and conversion
- Regeneration
- Medway Waterfront
- Places and Spaces
- Volunteer Award
- Custodianship Award
- People's Award
- Development Control Award

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