



### **Celebrating the Best in East Midlands Construction**

Taking centre stage at the high profile Celebrating Construction Awards for the East Midlands, were some of the industry's leading pioneers and most ground-breaking projects. The awards were hosted by former business correspondent for BBC Breakfast, Declan Curry on Friday 19 May. Over 300 construction professionals gathered at the Nottingham Belfry to celebrate the best innovative developments and talented individuals. These regional awards provide one of the most effective platforms for targeting the Midlands' lucrative construction industry.

#### **The big winners on the night**

It was an outstanding night for BE Design and Wates Construction who both picked up a total of two awards each. BE Design won the **Digital Construction Project/Initiative of the Year** for the High Street Lincoln which is a student accommodation block containing 40 self-contained flats and also picked up the prestigious **SME of the Year** title after an extremely successful year. Wates Construction picked up the highly competitive **Integration and Collaborative Working Award** for their involvement in Bluecoat Academy and got recognised for their emerging employee talent with Amy Miller taking home the **Young Achiever of the Year** award.

It was also a fantastic night for Robert Woodhead and Scape group scooping up one award each and a joint award. Robert Woodhead collected the **Preservation and Rejuvenation Award** for Delapre Abbey, the Abbey is set within extensive parklands on the southern edge of Northampton. Scape Group picked up **Client of the Year** after being nominated by Wates Construction due to their first-hand experience of their brilliance via the EMPA Framework. Both Robert Woodhead and Scape Group went on to win the **Value Award** for their involvement in the King Edward Skate Plaza, a user designed, community focused construction project built in response to local need with an optimised design to maximise a very tight budget and time frame.

Taking away the high-status **Project of the Year Award** was rg+p for the Heathcott Road affordable housing scheme. The affordable housing scheme is accessible to everyone, giving families, couples and individuals a well-designed, environmentally friendly and community orientated place to live in the city.

## **The Full List of Winners**

**Client of the Year:** Scape Group - EMPA Framework

**Digital Construction Project/Initiative of the Year:** BE Design - High Street Lincoln

**Health & Safety Award:** Lift & Engineering Services

**Innovation Award:** North Kesteven District Council - ONE NK

**Integration & Collaborative Working Award:** Wates Construction - Bluecoat Academy

**People Development Award:** Stepnell

**Preservation & Rejuvenation Award:** Robert Woodhead - Delapre Abbey

**Project of the Year - Building Projects:** rg+p - Heathcott Road

**SME of the Year:** BE Design

**Sustainability Award:** Simons Group - GlaxoSmithKline, GMS Ware, Compliance Building

**Value Award:** Robert Woodhead & Scape Group - King Edward Skate Plaza

**Young Achiever of the Year:** Amy Miller - Wates Construction

With a range of high quality entries, the awards were hailed as a great success by the judges. The winners of the awards have gained a place on the shortlist for this year's national awards that recognise the very best companies, collaborations and projects sharing best practice and inspiring others to adopt new and better ways of working that deliver outstanding results.

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