Lancaster Civic Vision

Celebrating our Heritage – Enhancing our Environment – Shaping our Future

NEW ARCHITECTURE IN LANCASTER, MORECAMBE AND THE DISTRICT

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Lancaster District is renowned for its wealth of architectural gems, from the medieval Castle to the Georgian heritage of St George's Quay and Castle Park, and some fine Victorian and Edwardian buildings such as the Town Hall and the Ashton Memorial.

Fortunately the steady expansion of the district in the last 30 years has produced more, good new buildings and notable refurbishments, and it is these that are celebrated in the Design Awards scheme. Initiated in 1986 by Lancaster Civic Society, the scheme has been run in cooperation with Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce, Lancaster City Council and Lancaster University.

Running periodically, the scheme highlights the new buildings and the refurbishments that are judged to have enhanced the area. In this leaflet we have selected just a few from more than a hundred that have received an award or commendation under the scheme. This personal selection, from among the winners since 2000, shows how modern architecture has benefited a wide range of types of building across the district.



The Midland Hotel, Marine Road West, Morecambe, LA4 4BU. Opened in 1933, and refurbished in 2008, the landward (left) and seaward (right) frontages are shown. See Guide 13 in this series for further details about this Art Deco hotel and its surroundings.



RNLI Lifeboat Station, Marine Road Central, Morecambe LA4 5BY.
Home to the Bay's rescue hovercraft.



Millennium Bridge, River Lune, Lancaster. A new cycle path and footpath.
See Guide 22 in this series for more details about the Lune's bridges.



Roundhouse, Robert Street and Quarry Road, Lancaster LA1 1AG.



Charles Carter Building, Lancaster University LA1 4YW.



Lancaster Cohousing, Forge Bank, Halton LA2 6FD. An innovative development because of the very high insulation of the houses and for the communal facilities on offer to the residents.

See Guide 96 for more about Halton



Burrow Farm, south Lancaster LA2 0AP.
A sensitive enlargement of a farmhouse.



Shenstone, Over Kellet LA6 1DL.
A refurbishment and extension



Arteria, Brock Street, Lancaster LA1 1UR
A shopfront updated in traditional style.



Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy, Sixth Form Centre, Ashton Road, Lancaster LA1 4RS.

Some further reading

Discovering Historic Lancaster: a visitor's guide. (2012) Lancaster: Lancaster City Council.

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