



# Dorchester Civic Society

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## The Derek Beauchamp Design Award 2024

### 1) *The Award*

The Society wishes to stimulate interest in the quality of Dorchester's built and natural environment by recognising recent schemes that enhance where we live.

This is a re-launch of a scheme which ran before the Covid lockdowns. In the first instance, the Society anticipates making a single award. In addition, the Society hopes to be able to offer commendations to acknowledge other schemes of merit that deserve recognition.

The award scheme will cover projects completed between 1 June 2017 and the closing date for submissions, 31 May 2024. The results of this first round of the Award scheme will be announced at the Society's AGM in late 2024. Subsequently, the Society intends inviting nominations and making award(s) every two years.

Anyone can nominate a building or project they believe is of such a high standard of design as to merit recognition. Nominations from members of the public are encouraged as well as from the scheme promoters, project designers and other professionals.

Eligible projects will include:

- New buildings – large or small, public or private;
- Conversions and re-builds;
- Conservation of buildings;
- Shop fronts;
- Tree planting schemes, re-wilding, landscaping, etc.;
- Artistic treatment of neglected sites.

Nominations should include:

- the name and contact details of the nominee;
- the address of the building or project;
- a summary description of the work done; and,
- (ideally) before and after photographs especially in the case of restoration and improvement schemes.

Nominations should be sent, by the closing date of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024, to:  
The Derek Beauchamp Design Award, Dorchester Civic Society, Moule House, Trinity Street,  
Dorchester DT1 1TT. Alternatively, nominations may be submitted by email to:  
[info@dorchestercivicsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@dorchestercivicsociety.org.uk)

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## 2) *The Award Procedure*

After the deadline for nominations **the DCS Committee** will assess the quality of each scheme and draw-up a short list from which they will select the best overall submission. This may involve a vote if no clear consensus can be arrived at, with the Chair holding the casting vote in the case of a draw. The other short-listed schemes will be awarded commendations. The award will be announced at the 2024 AGM as part of the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event.

### **Background note:**

*Founded in 1974, Dorchester Civic Society is independent and non-political. Derek Beauchamp tirelessly championed and worked on behalf of the Society over a great many years, latterly as its chair, convinced that the town he loved benefitted from having a civic society. Derek was closely involved in many aspects of Dorchester's life not least through a long-established and well-respected practice as a chartered surveyor. He died in August 2014.*

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