

Parcels Building Wins Award Package

The Parcels Building, located on Oxford Street in London, has been named the Overall Winner at the Schüco Excellence Awards.

The awards, presented in association with Architecture Today, were announced at a celebratory lunch at The Pelligon, Canary Wharf, London on 27 June. The event was hosted by architectural designer and television presenter, Charlie Luxton, for the fifth consecutive year.

A prominent fixture in the industry's calendar, the Schüco Excellence Awards showcase exceptional achievements in architecture and building envelope design. Winners were announced across twelve categories after being judged against four key criteria: creativity, innovation, technical skill and creative collaboration



between design teams and specialist contractors.

The Parcels Building was designed by Grafton Architects, in collaboration with specialist contractor Structura UK Ltd. The project also won the award for Refurbishment and Adaptive Reuse.

Originally built in 1957 on the corner of Duke Street and Oxford Street, the development gets its name from the historic Royal Mail post office tunnels that run beneath it. The project involved stripping the building back to its core and introducing

a new, clean-lined classic façade to echo the iconic Selfridges building opposite.

The judges were impressed by the creative approach to reusing an existing structure and the transformation achieved by the new façade, which enhanced both the building's appearance and performance. They applauded The Parcels Building as an exemplar for revitalising outdated buildings on urban sites and were further impressed that the scheme is targeting BREEAM Outstanding and on track to achieve net zero carbon. [i](#)

Small Is Beautiful For Green Doors

The rapidly growing upcycling business Green Doors has won the top prize at this year's Small Awards.

The Luton based company, founded by Joseph Holman (pictured) in 2014, was awarded the 'Best Overall Small Business' as well as gaining the coveted 'Net Hero' prize.

Holman and managing director Levi Lucas were presented with their awards by the comedian and former Bake Off host Sue Perkins at the ceremony in London.

Holman says: "We have been running the business for 10

years, built from wanting to rescue things that deserved a second chance and to preserve our planet.

"The award for Best Overall Small Business came as quite of a surprise, as we believed we were only shortlisted for the Net Hero award, which was as a result of our contribution to sustainability in the construction industry."

Holman founded his business after selling a set of French doors which he found in a skip. This gave him the idea of building a large scale business, providing



customers with surplus and second hand doors at lower prices, while also reducing waste destined for landfill.

Green Doors now employs 30 staff, produces a revenue of close to £2 million and has thousands of doors and windows at its warehouse.

"We are on a mission to give doors a second chance and this award is a significant milestone for us in that mission," says Holman. [i](#)

What A Whopper – Burgess Kingsized

Quickslide has supplied a whopping 557 vertical sliders for a new build housing development in Burgess Hill, Sussex that was completed over four phases.

Developer Croudace Homes chose Ideal Window Solutions to help complete a new community of 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes and in turn, Ideal Window Solutions turned to Quickslide to fulfil the brief.

“We’re a glazing installation specialist and the preferred supplier for many developers,” says Thom Emerson, Ideal Window Solutions’ sales & marketing director. “And for over ten of those years now we’ve been buying from Quickslide.” The King’s Weald housing development is located on a 19-hectare area once used by the Keymer Tile Works. Quickslide’s vertical sliders were chosen to complement the site’s aim to create a community of



high-end homes that blend traditionally inspired detailing with stylish and comfortable modern design. Quickslide supplied vertical sliders in white PVC-U with a single astragal bar in both the top and bottom sash. No sash horns were requested,

to complete the heritage feel with a modern touch. Additionally, depending on their location, some windows also featured Quickslide’s enhanced PAS 24 security upgrade to comply with Document Q of the building regulations. [f](#)

‘A’ Good Place To Work

Reynaers Aluminium has been rated ‘A’ good place to work following a staff survey.

The survey, part of the company’s ‘Together for Better’ strategy to support employee satisfaction, saw the UK firm gain its highest levels of validation for workplace practices – securing an overall ‘A’ rating from staff.

This followed a strategic plan to implement feedback following the previous survey, with a dedicated team’ instigating suggested changes. This included introducing digital

notice boards for staff who do not have immediate access to emails to allow them to stay up to date with company news, the addition of eyecare vouchers and the introduction of a scheme to work a day in a different department to better understand how the company operates.

Access to the company’s telephone counselling service was opened up to immediate family members, while the company committed to re-intro-



ducing staff social events following the Covid pandemic – this included the introduction of a bi-annual get-together to celebrate staff anniversaries and welcome new starters.

Work was also carried out to enhance the physical working environment while electric car charging points were installed in the car park. [f](#)