

The Chilterns Buildings Design Awards



2. Best 'Modern' Building

Specific Criteria

- A building that demonstrates how 21st century building technology, which may include 'modern methods of construction' such as off-site manufacture, can work with local materials and/or building styles to produce desirable and cost-effective developments that are distinctive, locally appropriate, and consistent with the spirit of [the Chilterns Buildings Design Guide](#).

In addition to the first criterion, a building that meets at least one (preferably more) of the following five criteria:

- Demonstrates the best practice to incorporate renewable energy provision (particularly solar hot water, solar photovoltaics [PV], ground and air source heat pumps etc.), carefully positioned to avoid disrupting the appearance of a building.
- An exemplar of how technology can be effective in making a building more optimised and automated with attention to occupants' safety, security, and well-being.
- This also recognises the incorporation of insulation and innovative design features in the building to reduce the impacts of summer heating and potential storm events as well as the winter cold.
- Shows good practice of the use of 'soft' natural landscaping materials, especially vegetation.
- We want to consider a scheme with a coherent and respectful design vision and the way it's reflected in all aspects.