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Tonight, is about celebration and judging by the wide range and number of submissions which were received by the judges this year (50 in total), Oxfordshire is in rude health and with lots to celebrate. As you will see from tonight's shortlist for each of the awards, the quality is of a high standard and the judges have had a really difficult time deciding on the eventual winners and highly commended for each category.

However, despite these pressures' decisions have been made by the OxPropFest Judges for the award and with a full house of 426 people in the Marquee tonight, we have an excellent opportunity to showcase the wide range of projects and services from across the Oxfordshire market. Tonight, is also an excellent opportunity to meet colleagues, friends, and members from the wider property community.

As in previous years, many thanks to the Judges for their help sifting through the many submissions and selecting the eventual award winners. Their commitment and enthusiasm ensure the credibility of the OxPropFest awards as they grow in stature.

Good luck to everyone who has been shortlisted tonight and we look forward to meeting you either on the podium or in the Hangar 113 bar after the formal proceedings have concluded!

Joint Chair of the Judges:

MATTHEW BATTLE
Managing Director + Founder,
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WELCOME

Drinks Reception

Welcome from tonight's host – Matthew Battle

Matt Batt awards

Moderator & Speaker – Greg Searle CBE

Starter and main course

Awards and collect donations for Access Sports

Dessert

More awards!

Hangar 113 Bar Opens

Carriages (11.30pm)

Tonight's Moderator and Speaker – Greg Searle MBE

Once again OxPropFest is really excited to be working with Greg Searle who is an Olympic Gold Medal winner and has worked as a coach with organisations for 20 years to help improve their performance. Having won gold in Barcelona 1992, he returned to win Bronze in London 2012. He worked for Lane4 for 20 years and now supports organisations from the corporate and public sector including the NHS, charities, and sports such as the FA and the R&A.

Greg delivers interactive leadership development with the emphasis on the people in the virtual room. He challenges thinking and behaviour by encouraging the audience to take responsibility and ultimately action to drive their own, and their teams' performance. He is comfortable on the large stage, working virtually, or with smaller teams and individuals. He is an accredited coach with the EMCC. (European Mentoring and Coaching Council) and works on the MBA programme at the SAID Business School in Oxford.

He has also been busy as an Honorary Patron for the charity Access Sport and retains a keen interest in rowing as a Steward of Henley Royal Regatta and as a commentator for the Governing Body of World Rowing (FISA).



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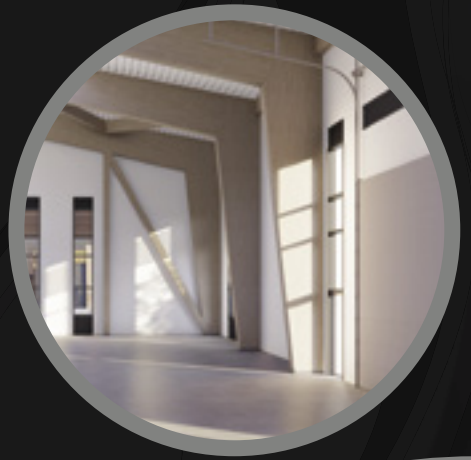
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Bidwells Business Space Agency transacted some of the major deals in the County in 2021, with a particular emphasis on the Education and Science/Tech sectors. With Kadans (Science Quadrant), Oxford Science Enterprises (multiple) and Harwell Campus featuring as key clients in their roster, Bidwells have been at the heart of the real estate tech explosion in Oxfordshire. Impressive in itself, they are also described by one client as 'lovely to deal with'. What more could be asked?

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With some of the most high-profile transactions, such as Brookfields acquisition of a majority interest in Harwell Campus (now ARC) and the development of the UK's Vaccination Centre (again at Harwell) under its belt, Savills is a leading player in the panoply of real estate agents in the region. The planning team was Instrumental in gaining planning approval for Oxford North amongst many over the past 12 months.

VSL & PARTNERS



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The last chance, for the team at VSL to scoop this year's award as the hitherto staunchly independent outfit has after 19 incredibly successful years been acquired by giants CBRE. VSL again saw their strong share of the market in 2021 reflected by a total of 96 deals, 66 industrial, 24 office and 6 retail with a floor area of 793,162 sq ft. Not content with cornering a significant share of the market, the team has invested much time in many local charitable causes and supports the local economy through its connection with OxLEP.

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Founded by Mark Schull in 2017, Arrow Planning is a young and idealistic firm of planners. With bio diversity and sustainability running through its veins, the firm aims to make a significant contribution towards finding solutions for the climate crisis. The firm has achieved success for its clients in a variety of projects ranging from sustainable housing through the design of a green country park to a renewable wind and solar energy park. The latest challenge is to obtain consent for a film studio complex in the green belt.

EDGARS



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Winning our Award for Best Planning Advisor In 2020, Edgars and their award-winning CEO Jayne Norris are no strangers to our awards at OxPropFest. The firm has gone from strength to strength and has been involved in some prestigious projects, including a new chapel at Radley College, the Command Works at Bicester Motion and Peking University on Boars Hill. Edgars invests heavily in its young people and provides a transparent career path for all the team.

WWA



WWA

Abingdon-based WWA recently merged with London-based Archadia to provide a broader base for both firms' practices. WWA has seen a 95% success rate with its schemes over the past 12 months and has won numerous awards. The firm places a strong emphasis on the sustainability goals set by government and in developing the skills of its young members of staff and one of them, Kathryn Gundry, won the award for Young Person of the Year at the OxPropFest Awards 2021.

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Creating stylish residences, either from scratch or by way of imaginative conversions, Holland Green Architects through their thoughtful design and uniquely beautiful projects are making a very strong mark on the top end individual homes market. From utterly contemporary living on the banks of the River Thames to light and airy design in the Chilterns, the firm is making a very classy reputation for itself across the county.

PURCELL



PURCELL

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2022, Purcell's Oxford studio has inspired some of the most interesting buildings in and around Oxford. From Christ Church's thatched (very retro!) visitor centre in the Meadows to Radley College's new chapel, the firm has continued to make its mark in designing spectacular one off projects. The firm's investment in its staff is comprehensive, with an employee ownership structure now in place and internal specialist courses designed to enhance its peoples' understanding of the context of their work.

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Henley based Spratley & Partners is excelling in contemporary design of top-end residential and commercial buildings. Sustainable design is at the heart of the practice, but without compromising the aesthetics of design and creating beautiful spaces in which to live or work. The ethos of the firm is clearly reflected in the projects which have come to fruition, most notably the Bremont HQ building, the new Ruskin Art School and the Oxford Innovation Park.

WWA



WWA

The merger with Arcadia London has given Abingdon-based WWA some additional heft in attracting top-end work to its architect and planning consultancy practice. The firm's commitment to sustainable design is reflected in its PassivHaus accreditation and the application of contemporary principles to heritage projects, for which the firm has a deserved reputation. This company is established with strong links across the county and the region.

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One of Oxford's oldest construction firms, Beard continues to win tenders for some of the major projects in and around the city. Beard has a reputation for devising solutions to many of the unique problems thrown up by the mediaeval built environment of Oxford. Current projects include the subterranean extension at Rhodes House and the renovation of St John's College library. Further afield, accepting the challenges set by Earth Trust at Wittenham Clumps has demonstrated the firm's commitment to new and sustainable building techniques.



PYE HOMES BLENHEIM ESTATE

The merger between Pye Homes & Blenheim Estate has produced some of the recent major residential schemes in the county. The firm's 'Legacy Principles' combine commitment to sustainable development (photovoltaic panels and air-source heating, to achieve low carbon and Passivhaus goals and EPC A accreditation), the creation of vibrant local communities and the use of local materials and crafts. Equally important in one of the most expensive locations in the country is the firm's delivery of affordable housing across its schemes, a principle which it embraces rather than grudgingly accepts.



MORGAN SINDALL

There can't have been many contractors who wouldn't have given their eye teeth to win the contract to build the first new Oxford college for 30 years. 'Chapeau' to Morgan Sindall then, for scoring this unique and prestigious project! Based on the site of the old Radcliffe infirmary, the project involves restoring and enhancing three existing disused buildings. The project is on track for delivery in early 2023.



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Award for Best Residential Development (Small Scheme)

75 BOTLEY ROAD, OXFORD



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Robin Swailes' developments are famous in and around Oxford for their attention to detail and the class and style with which they are delivered. Taking the least promising raw material, the developer has done it again, converting a tired and lacklustre 1930s house at 75 Botley Road and transforming it into something desirable and classy. Comprising three maisonettes and a small office, this sets a benchmark for how one of the main routes into the city might be transformed. Beautiful to behold, it features a 'duvet' form of external insulation, bound to keep down the bills as energy costs go through the roof!

327 WOODSTOCK ROAD, OXFORD



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One could be forgiven that a highly contemporary development of apartments in one of Oxford's classic Edwardian and Victorian arteries could not look more out of place, even if planning permission for it could be obtained. And yet the Adrian James Architects designed development at 327 Woodstock Road Oxford just works. Comprising 6 spacious apartments, the building not only looks 'right', but it increases the density of occupation needed so badly in the city.

THE OLD WORKS YARD, ARDINGTON



THE OLD WORKS YARD, ARDINGTON

Local builder Ede Homes has taken The Old Works Yard a collection of craftsmen's workshops in the village of Ardington and converted them into six stylish and contemporary dwellings. With high energy efficiency and a great emphasis on light and space, the development is complemented by three new buildings adjacent. The new occupiers will appreciate the buildings' thermal efficiency as winter draws on!

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CHURCH FARM, RADLEY



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A large development over the road from Radley College, Pye Homes' Church Farm Radley development has combined contemporary design and sustainable principles to deliver a modern and yet appropriate housing complex for a variety of occupiers. With energy efficiency (EPC A) and 'sponge city' and PassivHaus principles to the fore, the 246 units incorporate the social housing element throughout, ensuring better community integration than the more traditional 'cluster' approach in other similar-size housing developments.

HEYFORD PARK, HEYFORD



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A new town on an elevated ex-USAF/RAF airbase might not seem the most enticing of prospects but Heyford Park is already coming of age after just 12 years of development. The old military buildings have been repurposed for community and business use, while 700 residential units have been delivered to a variety of occupiers. With biodiversity and an appreciation of social needs very much to the fore the sense of community is strong and offers a high proportion of affordable dwellings for younger occupants.

WOLVERCOTE PAPER MILL, OXFORD



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Cala Homes who have created a new residential development of the highest quality on and around the site of the old buildings. The developer worked closely with the existing local community in Wolvercote to allay their understandable fears over the potential scale of the development. With the provision of community facilities and open spaces to encourage wildlife, the development combines the best of contemporary thinking about what large scale developments should embrace.

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THE BEE HOUSE, MILTON PARK



Responding to the demand for flexible work space, MEPC has taken a tired old building on Milton Park and created a hive for worker bees to gather, to settle and to create. Aptly named **THE BEE HOUSE**, the building had been occupied by Research Machines. Now a collection of meeting rooms, presentation space and café/restaurant, the upper floors offer flexible work space. The overall vibe offers a cool and airy 'campus feel' and it is no wonder that the take-up has been so positive.

OXFORD SCIENCE ENTERPRISES, THE OXFORD SCIENCE PARK



OXFORD SCIENCE ENTERPRISES (OSE) has long been banging the drum demanding space for its spinouts to occupy. In taking a big chunk of the Sherard Building on The Oxford Science Park, OSE has really put its money where its mouth is in. Creating a flexible Cat B fitout approach and introducing creativity into its leasing structures have enabled the spinouts to plug and play in a newly refurbished centre of excellence, close to the city centre and the educational university hotbeds of innovation.

Award Best Commercial Development

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TECHNOLOGY
PARK,
KIDLINGTON



Having secured its occupier, The Native Antigen Company, via a pre-let agreement in 2020, **OTC** worked through the pandemic years to deliver Building 3, Oxford Technology Park in early 2022. The building is an excellent candidate for this year's award, as it accommodates a high-tech, life science operation working in the highly contemporary vaccine sector, and located in what promises to be the heart of the life science quarter in Oxford. The building is sleekly contemporary and highly sustainable, with a clean and crisp appearance.

TUNGSTEN PARK,
WHITNEY



Downs Road Witney has for a number of years been delivering business premises to a variety of occupiers, attracted by the semi-rural location but also the good communications in all directions. **TUNGSTEN PARK'S** latest offerings comprise contemporary commercial buildings which will accommodate 150 or so new jobs in thoughtfully designed space designed with sustainability and quality of working life for its occupiers very much in mind.

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CHURCH FARM, RADLEY



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High quality, energy efficient homes, surrounded by green spaces to enhance the sense of wellbeing. Low carbon, PassivHaus principles, and EPC A accreditation throughout. Building nature in, with bat and bird boxes, land reserved for badger setts and hedgehog highways. 'Sponge city' water preservation and recycling principles. Encouragement of community activities and businesses. All sound like a blueprint for the housing developments of the future? Yes. Here in the real world? Yes, and in numbers; 246 residential units at Church Farm Radley, architects Ridge and builder Pye Homes showing the way.

FARMED, SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD



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Is regenerative agriculture the future? The people behind FarmED in the Cotswolds certainly believe so and in addition to adopting their principles at Honeydale Farm itself, they have created a centre for the delivery of its mission to accelerate the transition to new ways of sustainable farming. The beautifully designed buildings combine the practical needs of the farm with educational programmes designed to demonstrate that there are other ways of doing things which will ultimately benefit the planet and its inhabitants.

VISHUDDHA YOGA CENTRE, OXFORD



VISHUDDHA YOGA CENTRE, OXFORD

Low carbon construction and zero carbon in its use and operation: few would argue against this being the way forward for buildings of the future. And integrating them within the existing built environment is a bonus for all. Adrian James Architects have achieved a fine example of this approach with the Vishuddha Yoga Centre on Osney Island in Oxford. With its copper façade and renewable energy source the building is an exemplar of what can be achieved - and of the support such a project can garner from the local community.

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RADLEY COLLEGE, RADLEY



Architects Purcell and planning consultants Edgars were appointed by **RADLEY COLLEGE** to bring to fruition an extension of the college's chapel. A rare and unusual commission, it was necessitated by the increase in pupil numbers and the determination of the client to ensure they could all be accommodated to experience an essential part of school life. Combining 21st Century technology with traditional craftsmanship, the completed extension is a bold, yet sympathetic, intervention to the original design. It is also very beautiful.

THE LEVINE BUILDING, TRINITY COLLEGE, OXFORD



With an unprecedented number of new schemes happening in the University of Oxford and its colleges, it is difficult to choose between them; all are of an exceptional quality. **THE LEVINE BUILDING AT TRINITY COLLEGE** succeeds in fusing past with present. With a deceptively traditional design, it is immediately incorporated in its environs. Utilising state-of-the-art renewable energy sources, the buildings will provide first-class accommodation and teaching facilities for the college's students. Adam Architecture and Bidwells Oxford office provided design and project management expertise.

Award for Project of the Year

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STORY MUSEUM,
OXFORD



Another fascinating repurposing of a disused building in the heart of Oxford, the **STORY MUSEUM** occupies what used to be a telephone exchange in Pembroke Street. Architect Purcell was charged with enticing visitors to follow the stories displayed in the museum in a way which gave them and not the architecture of the space precedence. Recycling, renewable energy and natural ventilation, not to mention the bold use of colour, have all contributed to the sustainability of the new space and engagement with the local community, especially with schools, has made a major contribution towards the success and appeal of the project.

THE WING,
HENLEY-ON-THAMES



Spratt and Partners' design brief for watchmaker Bremont's new HQ Building was uncompromising. Echoing the company's aeronautical heritage, the result is **THE WING**, a highly contemporary building integrated seamlessly into a countryside setting close to Henley on Thames. Achieving planning permission in an area not allocated for commercial development in the Local Plan was the first obstacle to be overcome. Collaborative working is encouraged by the light and spacious design of the administrative section of the building whilst a dust-free area has been created for the company's manufacturing and assembly processes. Beauty and function combined.



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ED LIFELY, CARTER JONAS

Definitely making waves for his firm Carter Jonas's Oxford office, Ed Lively is one to watch. He effectively runs the firm's relationship with MEPC's tech park at Silverstone and his success at gaining additional new instructions has catapulted his trajectory through the firm; he is now an associate partner. Not one to rest on his laurels, Ed throws himself into Triathlons and Iron Man events, frequently to the benefit of local charities.



DAMON BALL, A'BEAR AND BALL

A'Bear and Ball is self-build pioneer (Graven Hill), practising what he preaches in delivering and sharing the low energy, PassivHaus design – inspired benefits of new buildings and innovative architecture with the local economy. The firm has ambitious growth plans and we have no doubt the firm's work will continue to feature in our awards events.

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RACHEL WOODMAN, BIDWELLS

An excellent planning specialist, who happened to deliver a well-received and challenging presentation appearance at our OxProp Social event in early 2022, Rachel Woodman is a key driver of Bidwells Oxford planning team. Specialising in waste and renewables projects, Rachel is at the heart of contemporary planning issues. Described by her colleagues as 'tenacious and vigorous', she brings passion and great dedication to her role.

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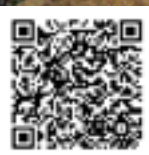
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Award for Leader of the Year / Team of the Year

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BUT WHO WILL WIN THIS YEAR?

Past winners of this prestigious award have summed up the entrepreneurial and leadership qualities required to be successful not only within their own teams but also within the wider property community. Chosen from a mixture of submissions and from the sage advice of the OxPropFest judges, tonight's winners are worthy of the high standards which we expect from our 'leaders' in Oxfordshire.

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