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Award Winner

Lanreath Village Hall, Nr Looe, Cornwall

Plans to build a new village hall in Lanreath to replace the existing delapidated building were first discussed in 1983. Local people formed a management team to plan the entire project. After a long fund raising and planning campaign the team purchased a site opposite the village school and, with the help of the MSC, building work began.

To support the community only local firms were used for the supply of material and timber was obtained from nearby farms and the boatyard.

The finished hall is the largest in the area and serves as a recreation, sports and meeting centre. Unusually, there is also a small surgery open to all the parish, which is especially useful to elderly people unable to travel to the main surgery.

The judges commented: 'This is an example of a group using skills from all around to come up with a very good centre.'



Architect:
J. Harrison
Surveyor:
Max Hill

The Gulbenkian Award for Workplaces

Princelet Street Workshops/The Spelman Street Project, London

The Princelet Street and Spelmen Street projects cover the renovation of a group of mixed-use buildings which now provide workshops and retail units for small businesses in Spitalfields.

They are run by the Spitalfields Small Business Association (SSBA), a group created in 1983 by local people to improve conditions in the area. As well as managing workshops, the association gives business advice and tries to provide employment and training opportunities.

In 1982 numbers 31-37 Princelet Street were acquired as part of a four block property package and divided between the SSBA and its sister housing co-operative. Work on the project did not, however, begin until five years later because of funding difficulties. The buildings now form eight workshops and three retail units.

The Spelmen Street project was begun in March 1989 as a two-fold community project. It provided a training ground for two new local businesses, Crowngate Builders and Leek Joinery, while ultimately providing a complex of four workshops and a corner shop and store. Employees of the two companies attended day release City & Guilds courses and were trained on site by SSBA staff.

The judges commented: 'These inter-related developments show a high degree of community initiative and sustained involvement in a multi-ethnic, multi-faith area... The developments have enhanced the environment and are of good quality internally.'

