

2021 LCA Murdoch & FTMRC Hard Metals Awards and Technical Seminar, defy the odds with a record turnout and a photo finish at Lingfield Park Racecourse.

The Lead Contractors Association, “LCA”, and the Federation of Traditional Metal Roofing Contractors, “FTMRC”, joined forces this year for a combined Technical Seminar and Awards event at Lingfield Park Racecourse on 24 September.



Allan Anderson, Chairman of the LCA and Christopher Salmon, Chairman of the FTMRC

The LCA and FTMRC Chairmen jointly hosted a packed event, which opened with keynote speaker Keith Roberts from Roberts Consulting, on the topic of Effective Roof Surveys followed by Chris Ivey from THSP covering the all-important Health and Safety, with attention to the “Health” in Safety!

Excellent networking opportunities were provided over a luncheon and the provision of trade stands from supporting Associate Members, demonstrating their products and uses.

The afternoon saw the combined prestigious Murdoch Awards, presented by honoured guests June and Dr Linda Murdoch, together with the FTMRC Hard Metals Awards. Delivering over 80 entrants competing for the industry’s highest accolades.

The LCA Murdoch Awards provided an extremely high standard of entries with over 36 entrants, giving the judges a difficult task!

The **Main Murdoch Award**, sponsored by ALM, was awarded to **D. Blake & Co. Ltd** of Scotland for their fine work on the **Bank of Scotland**. The project consisted of the removal of a copper roof believed to be installed in the 1950’s and replaced in lead, as it would have originally been around 1806 but was substantially altered later in the 19th century.



Bank of Scotland



The Queen's College

The Finalists were N. Lee & Son Ltd for their work on **The Queen's College** code 5 & 8 milled lead Re- Roof Chapel and Main Hall Roof.

The other finalist was A R Lead Specialist Ltd for their work on **Beverley Minster**. Work on the Beverley Minster lesser south transept commenced in September 2020 and was completed in 8 weeks. Consisting of 255m² of hollow roll at 360mm centres, on 65-degree pitch in sand cast lead, which is believe is the only example like it in the UK.



Beverley Minster



June Murdoch and Allan Anderson presenting the award to Andrew Rafferty of A R Lead Specialists Ltd

Highly Commended went to **Clarke Roofing Southern Ltd** for their work on **West Dene College of Arts & Conservation**.

The works were undertaken in two stages, working on 39 separate roof areas as a combination of slate and lead roofs. The project was run over two years with a Covid delay new lead work was milled lead. Lead flat roofs Code 7/8/9/10 lead. All lead was coated on the underside with a chalk emulsion but with a green pigment to it. This was introduced to protect the lead from carbonation, being green you could in later life easily identify the corrosion.



West Dene College of Arts & Conservation

The Murdoch Sponsor's Award, sponsored by ALM, was awarded to **LDN Leadwork Ltd** for their work on **St Paul's Cathedral School** – Full design, Carpentry and Leadwork package in Code 5 Lead Sheet. The design utilised a load bearing framework with secret gutters and random preformed panelling not exceeding the maximum size for the largest panels.



St Paul's Cathedral School

The Finalists were Tim Fuge Leadwork Ltd for their work on **Northcliffe**. A single-story extension to an old house, perched on the cliff edge above Port Isaac Harbour. The lead roof was covering a room, which had a large bay window, giving a panoramic view of the town, harbour and sea. Sand cast lead was used to compliment the traditional nature of the building, and using a combination of code 6, 7 & 8 depending on the bay lengths which varied greatly. The biggest challenge was laying out the rolls in a way that was symmetrical, practical, and technically correct. The



Northcliffe

original building was typically Cornish by being completely out of square!



Alan Barker from ALM and Allan Anderson presenting award to Tim Fuge



Hadley Lodge

The other finalist was **Architectural Lead & Metalwork Ltd** for their work on **Hadley Lodge**. Barrel roof – Code 6 Lead.

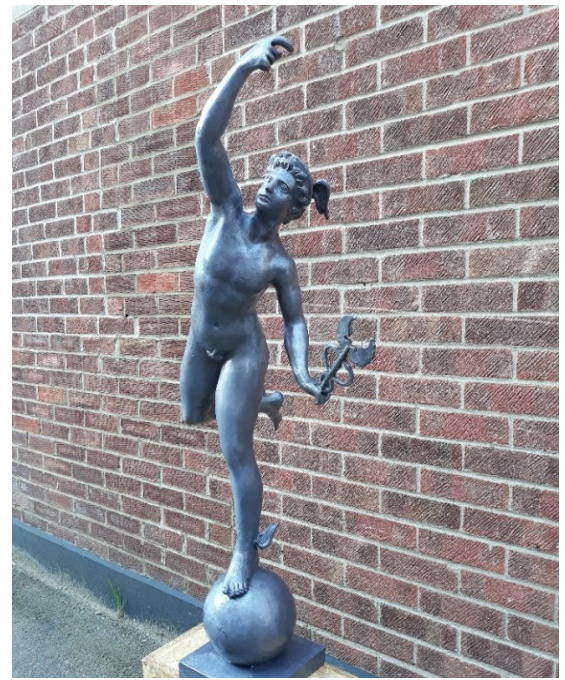


Dulwich Village

Highly Commended went to **Lead It Be Ltd** for their work on **Dulwich Village**. The glass design was requested by the leading architect as they wanted it to site inside the opening. All works shown are code 7. Pitched roofing carried out by d-long roofing specialist.

The **Murdoch Ornamental Award**, sponsored by British Lead, completed the Murdoch Awards, attracting a record **19 entries** and the winner was **Architectural Lead and Metalwork Ltd** for its outstanding **Mercury Statue**.

The Mercury Statue is cast in twelve separate sections, which are then welded together and meticulously filed & polished to hide the joints. The entire statue is cast hollow albeit the standing leg, which is cast solid to a point midway up the thigh with a stainless-steel armature encased internally in the standing leg. Thus, allowing the leg to be securely fixed to the plinth below and the torso above, giving the piece much greater structural integrity for many years to come.



Mercury Statue

The finalists were Turners Ornamental for the **Pineapple Fountain**



Pineapple Fountain

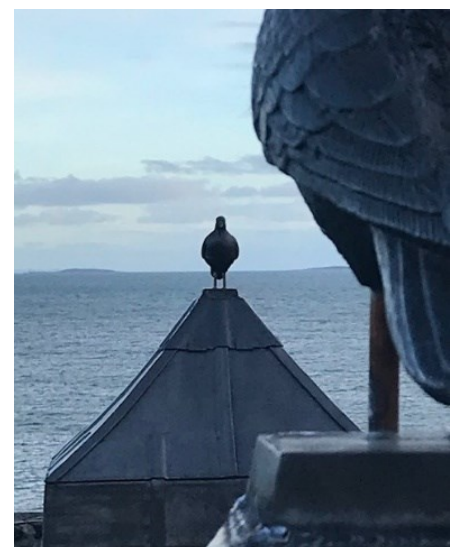
The Diameter of trellis base cistern is 1.470 X 560mm high 680 kilos. Pineapple 700mm tall on tri-stand copper and lead fountain
Average thickness of lead 9mm.
All Cast in green sand mould and Corners fully burned with complete root burn.
All pattern work designed and made by Turners.

The other finalist was Bovill Lead Ltd for the **Doves**



Casting Dove

The Doves are perched on the top of the medieval Carrickfergus castle looking over the entrance to Belfast lough, in the early 1100's Lord John De Courcy ruled over Carrickfergus and on his coat of arms there are two doves facing each other which inspired the ornamental doves and their positioning on the towers.



Doves in Place



Dr Linda Murdoch and Allan Anderson presenting award to Sam Bovill of Bovill Lead Ltd.

Highly Commended went to **Conservation Leadwork Ltd** for the work on the **Finial Westminster**

This is a cast lead finial supplied for the new visitor entrance at Westminster Abbey.

Approximately 7 feet tall and weighing around a quarter of a ton with a duplex stainless steel threaded rod running up through the middle.



Finial Westminster



LCA Murdoch Awards 2021 presented to the worthy winners and finalists.

Our grateful thanks go to our sponsors Associated Lead Mills and British Lead for their help and support.



LCA Murdoch Award Winners 2021

The complete 2021 Murdoch Awards can be viewed <https://leadcontractors.co.uk/news/>

Congratulations to all the worthy winners and finalists, it has been another difficult year but the Association Members have proved once again that their businesses, with renowned excellent, high standards of craftsmanship and expertise and forward planning, can overcome such challenges and still produce world class work to last lifetimes.

A truly remarkable effort from all of those involved, which sends a strong message that despite adversity our industry is very much ***Open for Business!***

