

NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD GOES TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON MILLIONAIRE'S ROW LANDMARK

WHITEHAVEN, a Stratford-upon-Avon landmark also known as the House-on-Stilts, won the 'best house of one or two storeys' category in the National Homebuilder Design Awards on Friday.

The award, presented at the London Hilton Hotel on Park Lane, was a major achievement for father and son team, Connell and John Furey, of Midlands-based Oakfield Developments.

The National Homebuilder Design Awards look for "outstanding examples of housing design" throughout the UK and Ireland. They are supported by the Mail on Sunday and judged by a panel of architects, developers and journalists - the architects on the panel including such influential figures as Michael Manser (chairman), Robert Adam and Ken Shuttleworth.

In their report, the judges described the one-off house as an "excellent prototype" and noted:

- Crisp, pared-down design.

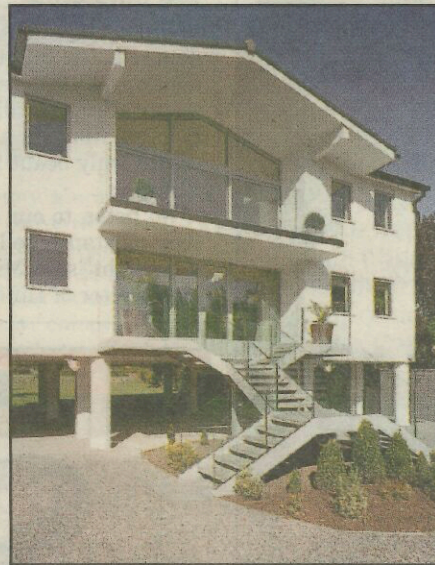
Softened impact of the house on the landscape.

- Maximised usable space and flexible living area

- Shielding of bedrooms from direct sunlight

Whitehaven is for sale internationally through property consultants, King Sturge Residential, with an asking price of £1.5 million. In addition to award-winning

Pinnacle of design



architecture, the house offers its future owner a beautiful riverside setting, private mooring, bespoke build quality and luxury features, such as a home cinema and a hydrotherapy tub.

Whitehaven was designed by two sets of architects. The original design by Warwick-based SMC Corstophine & Wright was worked up to construction stage by Nottingham-based Fowkes

McIntyre Architects.

The architecture creates an open home with unobstructed river views and easy movement between indoors and outdoors. The open-plan lower floor has the space to provide five distinct areas, including a hall, a highly specified kitchen, a dining area and two sitting areas. This living space is extended in summer by extensive river-facing balconies.

The four double bedrooms of the upper floor - each with its own bath or shower room - offer conventional privacy. The openness of the lower floor is echoed in an extensive gallery and in the central master bedroom. Balconies from the two west-facing bedrooms provide personal spaces for enjoyment of the riverside setting.

A private decked mooring at the end of the 70 metre garden will

give a boat owner access to the navigations of the Avon Ring:

Over 45 miles of scenery, wildlife and fishing on the River Avon, from Alveston down to Tewkesbury.

Over 25 miles of the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, linking the Grand Union Canal at Kingswood with the Worcester and Birmingham Canal at Kings Norton

Whitehaven is finished to a high specification, with modern luxuries to tempt its residents indoors:

- A hidden home cinema in the lounge

- A four-zone home entertainment system

- Villeroy & Boch bathroom fittings

- A Japanese hydrotherapy tub

- A Siematic kitchen with Miele appliances

- Mood lighting

- Electric curtains

Whitehaven is located off Tiddington Road, also known as Stratford's 'Millionaire's Row'. Just over half a mile down river is the Clopton Bridge and the town centre, internationally famous for its well-preserved 16th century houses, its connections with Shakespeare and its three theatres, including the home of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Whitehaven is ready for its first owners, furnished and interior designed by Cream & Browne. Viewings can be arranged through Lisa Wilson at King Sturge on 0121 200 7194.