

Designing Buildings Wiki



Drum roll please.

After a lot of reading, a lot of learning, a bit of editing and a great deal of deliberation, the winner of the 2013 Chartered Institute of Building article competition isâ€¦

Mark Wilson for his article [Insulation specification](#). Mark is principal at the Leeds-based practice, Design Office Architectural Ltd, and developer of BuildingDesignExpert.com. His article looks at the realities of insulation, how installations on site rarely achieve manufacturersâ€™ published performance standards, and what sort of insulation is appropriate where.

The four runners-up are:

- Norman McIntosh from Roundhouse Architecture, for his detailed and practical guide to [Conical roof slating](#).
- Charles Hippisley-Cox, Senior Lecturer in Building Conservation at Huddersfield University for his extraordinary article on [Spiders and woodworm](#).
- Rachael Browne, MArch student at The Robert Gordon University Aberdeen for her beautifully written article about the history and regeneration of the Ballymun high-rise development. [Ballymun mass housing and regeneration](#).
- Oliver Latimer, a 2013 graduate in Civil Engineering from Loughborough University for his article on the relative merits of a dynamic rather than static briefing process. [Dynamic briefing](#).

Legal digest

To celebrate our 700th article, we launched a new legal digest in collaboration with construction lawyer Najma Dunnett. She will be posting a new article every week, keeping you up to date with whatâ€™s going on in the legal world, the significant cases which have passed through the courts and what the implications are for practitioners.

- [Hunt v Optima](#) - If there is doubt over defects, consider withholding or qualifying certificates.
- [TSG v South Anglia](#) - Unlike USA, Canada & Australia there is no implied duty of good faith in English contract law.
- [Zennstrom v Fagot](#) - Bespoke features meant that the Defective Premises Act did not apply.

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